A number of outstanding events concluded Term 2 wonderfully! We are appreciative to all those involved in making each occasion so successful and demonstrating tremendous School spirit and enthusiasm – well done! Whilst particular people are deservedly acknowledged below, obviously there were many others whose active support was essential:

- **Athletics Carnival** – Mr Napper (main Co-ordinator);
- **Primary Disco** – Primary staff and P&F Association helpers;
- **Primary Fun Activities** – Year 6 students and staff;
- **Secondary Heritage Festival** – Mr Rowe (main Co-ordinator), staff and student organising team;
- **School Assembly** – Executive, staff and student team;
- **CRU Blast** – Mr Rowe (main Co-ordinator), Secondary Assistant Leaders and Church volunteers.

Add to that hefty list Primary Student Reports and Parent/Teacher Interviews, as well as Years 9/10 Student Reports and Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews. No wonder a rest was needed for the whole School community – I hope each family enjoyed a refreshing break from normal routines.

In my absence, Mr O’Hare as Acting Principal, presented an excellent message based on the heritage provided by the School’s namesake, Rev Richard Johnson. Reflecting on the same Bible verses Johnson used in February 1788 to the fledgling penal colony, Mr O’Hare challenged everyone to identify the heritage each of us benefit from (a link to our Heritage Festival), including the amazing gifts from God Himself (of eternal grace, love and salvation); then, in response, to consider what heritage we will leave, as individuals and as a community.

“Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits – forgiveness, healing, redemption and satisfaction will good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.” (Psalm 103:2-5)

**CRU Blast** Camp was thoroughly enjoyed by over 45 Primary students during 5 days. The very positive feedback from children and their parents was generated by the fantastic contributions of 19 Secondary students (who prepared for their leadership during several training sessions) and the generous involvement of Church volunteers – well done and thank you! Mr Rowe was very pleased and proud of our students.

Year 12 students are completing the HSC Trial Exams over this fortnight. We continue to pray for them during this period of revision and study. Years 7 and 8 families have received Student Reports and their Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews will be conducted this week, thus concluding the semester cycle of learning/assessing/reporting across the School. We encourage every student to review their goals for this new semester.

Year 9 families meet next week at an exciting launch of a new ‘bring your own device’ program starting in 2016.

Special ‘Learning Celebrations’ during the first quarter of the Term bring to the fore the very best of our School – Primary classes paired with Secondary classes; Secondary students being given opportunities to facilitate relevant learning sessions for their younger counterparts. Give thanks for the incredible benefits made possible in our K-12 setting and the vibrant culture nourished by the staff.

**Construction projects** at both Oakhurst and Marsden Park Campuses have progressed fairly well, despite times of wet weather recently. The Oakhurst projects, including major external works through to the end of Term 1 2016, will cost in excess of $6.75m.

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**Principal’s Award**

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

- Shania Mansell 1J
- Nathaniel Hyde 1J
- Timothy Johnston 5J
- Erica Hughes 6R
- Emma Knowles 6R
- Vanessa Doan 8R
- Alexander Back 9R
- Jesse Geyer 3J
- Natalee Moore 1J
- Max McAdams 5R
- Elijah Harmer 6R
- Paige Ward 6J
- Alicia Salas 8R

**RJ Development Appeal**

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Best wishes
Paul Cockrem
Principal

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SCHOOL UNIFORM / HAIR
Secondary students have been wearing the Winter Uniform very well, with their blazer as the outer garment and their mandatory tie (boys) and scarf (girls). The blazer must be the outer garment to and from School each day during Terms 2 and 3. There is also a neat RJ woollen scarf which may be worn if students are still cold. Students and parents are to note that that is the only scarf which is allowed. Senior students may wear a plain white scarf if they so wish.

The practice of boys using a number 0 or 1 clippers on their hair and then leaving the crop of hair on top has been attempted by one or two boys. Please take note that if a student’s hair does not meet the School standards and is deemed to be ‘radical’ by the Principal, the student will be withdrawn from class and the parent will be informed as to what steps to take with their child’s hair before he is allowed back in class.

Please make sure that you are able to stay within the School rules when deciding on hairstyles, jewellery or nails. If there is any doubt, please ask before you go ahead. It can be time consuming and expensive to rectify the matter sometimes.

HOUSE MATTERS
All the major Carnivals have now been completed, with David's Rams finishing as winners of the Athletics.

Isaiah’s Eagles have done very well to be leading overall, followed by the Rams, Daniel’s Lions and Noah’s Sharks. Two terms of General Knowledge scores and lots of opportunity for obtaining Tokens could still see any of the Houses win the prestigious Champion House Shield for 2015.

There will be K-6, as well as 7-12 House Meetings on Friday 14 August. Students should wear their House shirts.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Year 11
Term Three is the final Term for the Year 12 students, who are busily writing their Trial HSC Exam.

We pride ourselves at RJ at providing many leadership positions for students throughout their School careers. All this preparation culminates in the opportunity to make oneself available for Captaincy in various areas at the end of Year 11.

This week, forms will be available for Year 11 students to apply for one of the ten captaincy positions that will be available. They are School Captain (2 positions), School Vice-Captain (2 positions), House Captain (one for each House), Chapel Captain and Service Captain.

Year 8
On Friday night 4 September, the Year 4s will have their long anticipated Pyjamarama. We will be interviewing Year 8 students to be helpers on this exciting night. Many Senior students, who will be applying for leadership positions had their first taste of leadership at the Year 4 Pyjamarama. Year 8 students who are interested in leadership can use this opportunity as the start of their Secondary leadership pathway.

NORTH WEST MISSION TRIP
The largest ever group of students and staff have started preparations for a trip to Moree, Wee Waa and Narrabri in early October. Twenty five students from Years 9-11 have started to prepare programs for the children in the North West.

Mr and Mrs Rowe, Miss Close, Miss Brownlow, Mr Napper and Mr O’Hare will lead the teams. The students involved are: Tiffany Adams, Dalyn Assur, Stephanie Bunsell, Olivia Crisp, Mikaela Dane, Dominic Dela Cruz, Hannah Dela Cruz, Mark Doughty, Alice Duval, Jared Fisher, Rhiannah Gauci, Laura Gonzales, Elizabeth Impson, Lydia Johnson, Nikita Kumar, Dean Lipowicz, Yasmyn Lolis, Bailey Mears, Britney Olive, Carmela Paje, Dan Paje, Kaitlyn Patel, Timothy Sladen and Gelila Workagegnehu.

They have committed themselves to training for the Trip every Tuesday after school during this Term, as well as being involved in the Pyjamarama on 4 September. We thank them for this commitment and pray God’s richest blessing on them.

Michael O’Hare
Deputy Principal
Cyber MATTERS

CYBERBULLYING: THE NEW CHILDREN’S ESAFETY COMMISSIONER

The Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner (the Office) was established on 1 July 2015 to handle complaints about cyberbullying material targeted at Australian children.

The Office can investigate complaints about material considered likely to have a seriously threatening, intimidating, harassing or humiliating effect on the child. Where possible, the material should be reported to the social media service first, before it is complained about to the Office. To consider a complaint the Office will need evidence of the cyberbullying material.

Parents, along with schools and the government have a role in ensuring children are protected online. The Office will work with social media services, parents and schools to ensure serious cyberbullying material is removed.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS BEING CYBERBULLIED

If your child is being cyberbullied advise them to:

- avoid retaliating or responding
- collect the evidence, keep mobile phone messages and print emails or social networking conversations
- block the bully and change their privacy settings
- report the abuse to the social media service

If your child continues to be cyberbullied and you believe it is having a seriously threatening, intimidating, harassing or humiliating effect, we encourage you to assist your child in making a complaint on the Commissioner’s website.

More information on the role of the Office, how to deal with cyberbullying and how to lodge a complaint is available on the website.

The Kids Helpline provides a private and confidential, telephone and online counselling service for young people. Encourage your child to speak to them if they are in need of counselling support. The Kids Helpline also manages Parentline, a confidential telephone counselling service providing counselling and support for parents and caregivers.

If you believe your child is in immediate danger, call 000.

Secondary SEGMENTS

On our last trip to Victoria (our eldest daughter lives in Melbourne) we travelled the “long way round” via three national parks in the north-west of the state – semi-arid countryside reflecting some parts of central Australia. This included a visit to the Pink Lakes in Murray-Sunset National Park, which had been mined for salt from 1916 until 1979. The day the region was declared a National Park, all work ceased. Machinery was left to rust in the hot sun, and mounds of salt have remained a testament to the activity which took place but no longer remains; replaced by tourists, photographers and campers.

Likewise, Hattah Lakes has been created as a bird sanctuary, but the overwhelming silence of the Lakes in the middle of the day was powerful. It was like being “lost” in God’s creation – there was nothing to see beyond the lake, and only the sky reaching high overhead. Old tree roots fringed the outskirts and provided a sanctuary for fingerlings to hatch and develop. It was that moment to stop and hear God’s “still, small voice”, and be moved to contemplate the enormity of His power and control. I find those experiences a good focal point, as we’ve come back to a busy term and it helps me remember who is in control, and the mighty Creator whom we serve.

We were able to distribute Years 7 and 8 Reports a few days early, which reflected a great effort on the part of many people. All students should have received their codes to book Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews on Wednesday evening. If your code has been misplaced, please contact Student Reception.

Learning Celebrations – an opportunity for Primary and Secondary classes to celebrate learning together – have commenced, and I know there are some fantastic activities planned.

Year 12 Trial HSC Exams commenced on Monday and run for two weeks (plus one day extra for Engineering Studies). Many students have been working particularly hard in preparation for these exams, and this will help their final preparation for the HSC in October.

Any Year 10 or Year 11 student wishing to undertake a TVET course in 2016 needs to see me to collect an application form. If you visit the TVET website http://wst.tafensw.edu.au/courses-and-careers/tvet/ you will find information on the proposed courses for 2016. Confirmation of a place does not occur until late January, even though applications close
Secondary
SEGMENTS (continued)

in September. Please be aware, before applying for courses, of how your son/daughter will make their way to the TAFE concerned, how they will get home (courses usually finish at 6 pm), and the extra costs involved for parents (which will be above $2000 per year).

Year 12 students can access the Application for a Reference from the Notes drive on the School network. These are due by Friday 11th September and will be distributed at the Formal. Information about this event and the final day of Term 3 will be sent home in a letter after the Trial exams.

Finally, my congratulations and thanks to all those students who participated so enthusiastically in Heritage Day – it was another wonderful day and just highlighted once again the joyful diversity of cultures we celebrate at RJ, united together.

Jenny Clay
Assistant Principal/Head of Secondary

Year 7 English Activity
WALL-E FILM STUDY

Year 7 English students have been “growing” in their learning!

As part of their Wall-E film study, the theme of the environment was explored through writing, stories and speeches. They applied their knowledge of the environment through a practical task of planting alfalfa seeds and caring for them over a few weeks, just as the character Wall-E looked after the one plant that existed on the polluted earth in the Movie.

The students enjoyed participating in this way and learned how to care for their environment so it will be there for future generations. They also had opportunity to develop their writing skills through reflective journal entries about the experience of caring for their plants.

Annette Sicard
Stage 5 English/Learning Support
Year Nine are studying Macbeth in English this term. In order to understand why Shakespeare wrote what he wrote, they are exploring life during the Elizabethan Age. Various groups were asked to look at one aspect of Elizabethan Age and then presented their finding to the class.

Mrs Kerrie Lyons
Learning Support Coordinator 7-12
Assistant Welfare Coordinator Stage 4

What a wonderful celebration Heritage Festival was this year! The final Thursday of Term 2 was full of vibrant, colourful National dress, delicious cuisine and entertaining items from many of the different cultures that make up our School Community. The weeks of preparation were finally over and the 500 students and staff left their classrooms to see the turnaround transformed into an exciting foodcourt.

The appetising food that was on offer came from a variety of different cultures including South Africa, Filipino, English, Indonesian, Australian, Mexican, Indian, Italian, Spanish, Ethiopian, Africa and Canada. A great deal of organisation went into the purchase and preparation of the food with many students being instrumental in that organisation, being supported by their families. The food stalls were incredibly popular with many stalls selling out very quickly. There were many very positive comments being made about the delicious flavour and taste of the food that was on sale.

Following the conclusion of lunch, the students and teachers went to the hall to enjoy the fabulous variety of items being presented at the Heritage Festival Concert. Ably compered by our School leaders, Josiah, April, Renaye and Osai, the Concert commenced with an Acknowledgement of Country with Dewayne Trewlynn acknowledging the Aboriginal people who first lived in our area, the Darug tribe and then thanking God in prayer for the nations.

The audience was entertained by creative dancing, singing and poetry recitals. Many hours of rehearsals had seen the items prepared to an excellent standard and the audience showed their appreciation for all the performers’ efforts through very enthusiastic and supportive applause and cheering. It was a most joyful celebration of the different cultures represented at our School and the abilities that God has given in the area of the Performing Arts.

The excellently prepared items included Samoan, Tongan, African and Indian dancers, Maori and Irish folksongs, Filipino singers and dancers, Australian poetry recitation, a bushsong medley along with a medley of songs made famous by The Seekers. We were also entertained by a beautiful poem from South Africa along with a slideshow celebrating the heritage and history of Croatia.

As is customary, a donation from the day’s proceedings will be made to a Mission organisation. This year the proceeds from the day will be donated primarily to the relief work in helping rebuild Vanuatu following the devastating cyclone earlier in the year. Part of the proceeds will also be donated to a small school connected to a missionary hospital in Galmi, a remote town in Niger. The hospital serves as the only hospital in that part of the country.

The day was a wonderful testimony to both the many creative abilities that God has given our students, and to the strong spirit of co-operation and service that exists at our School. Thank you to all the students, teachers and parents whose efforts made the day the outstanding success that it was.

Stewart Rowe
Heritage Festival Co-ordinator
PUBLIC INFORMATION FOR 2016

ONE SCHOOL – TWO CAMPUSES

* Oakhurst : Kindergarten – Year 12
  - 905 current enrolments (increasing to approx. 950 total by 2020)
  - Masterplan for new facilities & expanded playground spaces completed by end of Term 1 2016

* Marsden Park : PreKindergarten – Year 2 (dependent on numbers; increasing to Year 3 in 2017 & to Year 12 by 2026)
  - Civil works for new sports field, carpark, playground, roadworks etc commenced in April – 1st stage due for completion in September, 2nd stage to be finished in December
  - New classroom module of 3 classrooms, library & admin spaces due for completion in September

ONE SCHOOL – SAME SCHOOL COUNCIL & SCHOOL EXECUTIVE

* Principal & Head of Primary oversee both Campuses. Combined team leadership integrates the operation of both Primary Campuses, as outlined below:
  - Primary Co-ordinator (Oakhurst) – 3 days @ Oakhurst; 2 days @ Marsden Park
  - Primary Co-ordinator (Marsden Park) – 3 days @ Marsden Park; 2 days @ Oakhurst

NB. This strategic, co-ordinated use of leadership personnel will result in the smoothest transfer of the proven, successful learning culture at Oakhurst into the newly expanding Marsden Park Campus.

ONE SCHOOL – SIBLINGS CAN ATTEND BOTH CAMPUSES

- Same Uniform
- Same School Fees & Service Charges from Kindergarten (NB. Sibling discounts apply across the Campuses), however the termly Fees for Pre-Kindergarten are costed separately due to government funding being handled differently ie. family-focused rather than School-focused. PreKindergarten approx. termly fee $1620 for 3 day Program (no Service Charge); 2 day Program approx. termly fee $1080 (no Service Charge).
- Same Term dates & similar School times for both Campuses
- School bus transport between Campuses, before & after School times
- School bus transport to Marsden Park Campus from suburbs east and west currently being investigated
- Before & after School Care @ Marsden Park Campus currently being investigated

ONE SCHOOL – INTEGRATED ENROLMENT PROCESS

- Same Application forms & Enrolment process
  - NB. Age cut-off re DOB (date of birth) is the end of May for PreKindergarten & Kindergarten
  - NBB. Automatic entry to Kindergarten from PreKindergarten
- Open Morning for interested families – Wednesday 19 August @ Oakhurst
- Information Sessions for Enrolment – in September & October @ Marsden Park
- Orientation Session for new students – in November @ Marsden Park

MARSDEN PARK CAMPUS – PREKINDERGARTEN

- Two possible Programs – choice of 3 days or 2 days, dependent on applications; will be confirmed later this year ie. both Programs may proceed or 1 Program or none.
  - 2 day Program – tentatively Monday & Tuesday
  - 3 day Program – tentatively Wednesday to Friday
Year 11 Industrial Technology
INDUSTRY VISIT

On Thursday 4 June, students from Year 11 Industrial Technology visited AusTimbers at Box Hill to see an industry related to their studies. The purpose of the visit was to give students the opportunity to observe for themselves the operations of an industry related to their course.

AusTimbers machine and process timbers for a wide range of building and furniture applications. Various operations and examples of work were presented by the General Manager of AusTimbers. The class responded well to the tour, comparing their own knowledge of industry and timber working to how it is performed in a real industry. One part of the tour which put the large scale of industry into perspective was seeing the timber kilns. The kilns circulate heat to dry timber out to become a useful product. Everyone was quite taken by the high volume of timber that could be treated in one drying session.

As part of the visit, students are required to present a report on their observations. Many found the whole experience a major benefit, seeing for themselves an example of how the timber industry really operates.

Chris Harrison
TAS Teacher

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.
Matters of PRIMARY IMPORTANCE

I trust that all our RJ students had a lovely break over the holiday period. Staff returned 3 days prior to the students and participated in professional learning related to School priorities in Writing and the new History Syllabus which will be introduced into the curriculum in 2016. While the staff were busy being 'students', many RJ students were enjoying CRU Blast Camp. Clearly both they and the Secondary helpers were having a great time.

ASSEMBLY
Semester 1 Assemblies finished with fantastic Items from 4R and 6R. 4R students showed us how God is keeping his promises with a new heaven and a new earth. 6R then provided a fantastic summary of all of the lessons in our big picture look at the Bible. Students worked in groups to plan their own skits, with Evangeline Seto and Erica Hughes working together to actually write their own song. Thank you to the Seto family who assisted the girls to prepare the music. What an amazing achievement and great initiative by the girls. In Term 3, the focus of Assemblies will be "Joshua – Faithfully Following God". I trust students and parents will learn some great truths through the Assembly Items. In Week 1, 5J presented a fantastic Item, teaching us how important it is to trust in God no matter what. Many people were very touched by the prayer that concluded their presentation.

Dear Lord, help us to focus on Your truth instead of the trials.  
Help us to give thanks instead of giving into fear.  
Help us to choose a heart of gratitude instead of complaining.  
Help us to choose joy instead of anger.  
Most importantly, help us to trust in your power instead of giving into our own fears and plans. Help us to be shining lights of Your amazing love and power.

KJ will present their Assembly Item in Week 2 and KS in Week 3. Parents are warmly welcome to attend Assemblies.

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DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY
As part of digital technology education at School, students are taught important cyber safety information and participate in structured Australian Government or Government recommended programs in this regard. They are taught to protect their passwords and shown how to use the internet appropriately to research educational material. Teachers carefully monitor student technology use during School hours. RJAS also has appropriate security measures in place to restrict student access to particular content and sites. At School, students do not have access to any social networking sites.

Many sites, particularly social networking sites have age-restrictions, a sample being:
- 13 years of age – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Youtube and Snapchat  
- 13-18 years of age – Kik (with parental permission only)

Parents will find valuable digital safety information on the Australian Government's website: https://www.esafety.gov.au/ Parents can research information on a number of applications and gaming sites via the 'esafety' link.

EXCURSIONS AND INCURSIONS
Yesterday, students in Year 4 enjoyed a very hands-on incursion where they got to make clay figures and produce their own clay-mations. Throughout the day students creatively made a story board for a movie and designed a background using coloured paper. They then used coloured clay to create characters. After the characters were set up, they started using stop-motion techniques to create a movie. This is more time-consuming than you could imagine, but the results were terrific. Year 4 can’t wait to show their friends and family! In Week 3, Thursday 6 August, students in Year 2 will be heading to Longneck Lagoon to investigate living creatures in a lagoon environment then on Wednesday 12 August students in Kindergarten will enjoy a visit from Kindi-farm. The children will enjoy getting to pat and hold many baby farm animals as part of this fun experience.

KINDERGARTEN AND PRE-KINDERGARTEN 2016
Please contact Mrs Tildsley in the School Office if you have not yet enrolled your child for Kindergarten in 2016 at either the Oakhurst or Marsden Park Campus or Pre-Kindergarten at Marsden Park. All siblings need to be enrolled through School enrolment procedures. Be sure to
let family and friends know also to contact the Office as soon as possible if they are looking to send their Kindergarten or Pre-Kindergarten child/ren to RJ in 2016. If unsure if your child is ready for 'Big School' please let Mrs Tildsley know, as children can be booked into a Kindergarten Readiness Assessment morning.

PRIMARY DISCO
Term 2 finished with the Primary Disco being held on a wet and miserable evening outside. But inside the hall was a different story. Glow sticks lit up the darkness as music played and Primary students enjoyed a fun evening with their friends and teachers dancing the night away. Thank you to the P&F for organizing the Disco and Primary staff who assisted with the fun and supervision.

RJ LEARNING CELEBRATIONS
Commencing this week and continuing into next week (Monday 27 July – Friday 7 August) Primary students will enjoy buddying together with Secondary students to share a variety of educational experiences ranging from storytelling to dancing, cooking, sport and science experiences. Students across the School are very much looking forward to these special events.

STUDENT REPORTS, STUDENT WORK SAMPLE FOLDERS AND PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS
At the end of Term 2 parents received their child/ren's Student Report and Work Sample Folder. Parents may have felt that their child's achievement may have been at a lower level in English and Mathematics than in previous years but this is not necessarily the case. The introduction of new syllabus documents in English in 2014 and Mathematics and Science in 2015 has meant a change in teaching programs and, from Semester 1, 2015 to the Report Outcomes included in the Student Report. New syllabus documents outline many new learning experiences for students in both knowledge and skills across the Stages and some of the content is very, very new. Students are thoroughly enjoying the new learning experiences their teachers have prepared for them in these Key Learning Areas and as they become more familiar with their new learning and experiences their ability to achieve learning outcomes will equally improve. Thank you to the huge number of parents who braved the cold to attend Parent Teacher Interviews at the end of the term. It is great to see parents and teachers working so closely together to promote the unique development of each and every child.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
It is again time to collect Earn and Learn stickers. In previous years we have used the points, from the stickers, to purchase over $7000 of amazing Maths, Science, Sport and Reading resources, many of which are put to use in daily lessons. Please collect the stickers, attach them to the sheets, that are available at Woolworths stores, can be downloaded online and are available at the School Office, then put the completed sheets in the box in Student Reception. Please also encourage family and friends to pass on any unwanted stickers, the more we get the more resources we buy.

YEAR 6 FUN DAY
Rain may have dampened the ground but it didn't dampen the spirits of our Year 6 students as they served Primary students through a variety of food and fun stalls as part of the Year 6 Fun Day. All activities were moved to inside or undercover locations with ease and Year 6 students cleaned up so thoroughly afterwards Mr Cockrem would never believe how much food was on the carpets (see what happens when he goes on leave). All the proceeds from the day go to our sponsor children in Nepal. Thank you to Mr Cowling and Mrs Foxall for helping Year 6 students prepare for the day and Year 6 students for your fantastic preparation and service to fellow students.

Karen McLeod
Primary Coordinator
CRU Blast
DAY CAMP 2015

Over 45 Primary aged students enjoyed a terrific week long CRU Day Camp facilitated by Crusaders (a Christian Schools Ministry Organisation) along with St Marks Oakhurst and our School. The Camp, held two weeks ago, was called CRU Blast and Crusaders took overall responsibility by providing leadership, the fantastic program, advertising, bookings and the Christian Discovery activities. It was exciting to see several of the leaders from Crusaders backing up from last year. Also, it was wonderful for the Primary students to see Mr Henderson again. He now works for Crusaders and is responsible for the overall running of the CRU Day Camps. Mr Henderson organised the fantastic Christian Discovery Time for the week.

Sarah Hoekzema, from St Marks Church, was the Infants leader while St Marks also provided wonderful helpers who co-ordinated the delicious food that the campers enjoyed throughout the week. CREDO, a Christian group from The Institute of Technology also provided leaders for the Camp. It was great to have their participation in the Camp. Our tremendous RJ students in Years 9, 10 and 11 were Assistant Leaders during the week, helping run activities and assisting during the Christian Discovery time. This year the theme was ‘Crazy Bible Stories from Back in Time’, where the campers discovered more about some of the amazing events that happened in the Bible and what they taught about our great God. Like last year, several of our students played significant roles in the presentation of the Christian Discovery Activities and all helped in the Small Group Discussion times.

The CRU Day Camp ran from 8.00am to 6.00pm each day, with the Leaders and Assistant leaders arriving at 7.45am and leaving after 6.30pm once the packing up had been completed. There were a wide range of exciting activities in which the Campers could participate. Some of the activities included Laser Tag, Nerf Wars, Craft, Art Attack, Back in Time Carnival Games, a visit to Calmsley Hill Farm at Fairfield, Masterchef challenge, a Talent Quest, Rock Climbing and low Ropes at the Crusaders Galston Gorge Campsite and also the Christian Discovery Sessions.

The Assistant Leaders from RJ did a fantastic job during the week, with all the students being involved each day from the start to the conclusion of the day’s activities. Along with the actual Camp, the students also attended up to 3 meetings/training sessions leading up to the Camp. The Camp provided many opportunities for the students to develop and exercise their leadership skills. The students showed great care, enthusiasm and commitment during the week and played an integral role in helping the Primary students have a thoroughly enjoyable week with many very positive and lasting memories.

My thanks to Helen Mann, the Camp Director, Calum, Miss Horton and the other Crusader leaders for their wonderful leadership and facilitation of the Day Camp. Thank you also to the CREDO leaders and to the St Marks Church members for their commitment and tireless efforts during the week. Lastly, but definitely not least, thank you to our fantastic student Assistant Leaders for everything they did leading up to, and during the Camp. They are an outstanding group of young people, fine ambassadors for our School, who made many wonderful contributions during the week.

The students who participated as Leaders and Assistant Leaders were: Erin Assur, Lucy McCarthy, Hannah Dela Cruz, Jasmine Shur, Edryan Dela Druz, Caleb Paje, Sam Fletcher, Mikalea Dane, Johnny Doan, Britney Olive, Brendan Sullivan, Tim Sladen, Rhiannah Gauci, Rachel Butler, Tiffany Adams, Nikita Kumar, Laura Gonzalez, Dean Lipowicz and Ben Cantre.

Stewart Rowe
Service Learning Co-ordinator
A Look at
RJ HISTORY

The dawning of 2004 marked something of a watershed year for Richard Johnson Anglican School. At this point, the School was seven years old and had undergone immense transformation during a relatively short period of time. This culminated in the Official Opening of the Information and Resource Centre and new classrooms, Block B, in March 2004. For the rest of the year, there were no further major building works as attention and energies shifted to planning for the establishment of Years 11 and 12 in 2006.

An inaugural Creative Arts Festival was held, though, and the successful establishment of the Concert Band in 2003 provided the impetus for the founding of a Beginner Band in 2004. Our current Year 11’s were 2004’s Kindergarten.

Mrs Katrina Hutchins (nee Scott) joined the staff in 2004 and at the end of the year, the School Council’s first Chairman, Rev. Alan Donohoo, stepped down from his role after more than eight years of leadership.

P&F Association

SCHOOL BANKING

Thank you to all the families taking part in school banking! So far we have contributed $1,199.00 to the School.

The children received a flyer last Thursday regarding the Term 3 competition the bank are running. If you did not receive a copy the flyer is at the end of this newsletter.

Many children have received their first reward and have been very excited. Just a reminder that once your child receives 10 silver tokens they can then redeem these for a gold token and a reward. Redemption vouchers are issued once 9 tokens are earned and need to be returned the next banking day.

Should you require information regarding banking please send an email to the P & F email address (PandF@rjas.nsw.edu.au) and we will be happy to help.

Davinia and Melinda
Photo packages have now been distributed to students. If you ordered a photo package and have not yet received it, collect it from Student Reception or contact them to check. Individual photos and class/year groups may still be ordered online using the online order code 6XDY14W8K. Co-curricular groups such as Captains, Secondary Musical, Concert Band, Duke of Edinburgh, RJ SingStars etc are available for purchase.

**HOW TO ORDER CO-CURRICULAR GROUP PHOTOS**

Orders for Photos of Co-Curricular Groups will be accepted at School
UP TO FRIDAY 14 AUGUST 2015

1. Photos of Co-Curricular Groups Photos can be viewed outside Student Reception or online at the website [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using the online order code 6XDY14W8K.
   Decide which ones to purchase and then either order and pay online, or complete an envelope and hand it in with your payment to Student Reception.

   a. **ONLINE PAYMENTS**
      $14 per photo
      Take a form home, follow the instructions to order online using the code 6XDY14W8K.
      Please note: RJ SingStars are listed as Ricky J SingStars.

   b. **CASH / CHEQUE / MONEY ORDER PAYMENTS**
      $17 per photo
      Complete an envelope, select your photos with a tick, enclose cash (no change given), cheque or money order payment, seal securely, and hand in at Student Reception.

2. Photos will be sent to your child’s Home Group/Class once they are received from AdvancedLife.

AdvancedLife can be contacted on 1300 728 972 or via email: enquiries@advancedlife.com.au
Prayer Points

• Praise – give thanks for the work of our Library Technicians (Mrs Shaw in Secondary and Mrs Peterson in Primary) in maintaining our beautiful libraries and resources
• Praise – give thanks for the new students who have come to RJ this term, that they will quickly settle in, make friends and know the routines of the School.
• Prayer – that our Year 12 Students sit each of their HSC Trials with clear minds and good knowledge, and look to God for their support during this time.
• Prayer – for the many staff and students who are suffering illness or health concerns, that they would know God’s peace by bringing their concerns to Him in prayer.

PLEASE BOOK THESE DATES:

27/7 – 7/8
Year 12 Trial HSC examinations
29 July
Years 7 & 8 Parent Teacher Student Interviews
5 August 7pm
Year 9 families attend launch of 2016 ‘BYOD’ Program

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Dates to REMEMBER TERM 3, 2015

August

5 Students from Year 8 at NRL Captains Cup, Penrith
5 Australian Science Olympiad
5 Year 9 students / parents launch of ‘BYOD’ at 7pm in Hall
6 CSSA Nepean Zone Primary Athletics Carnival
6 Year 2 Excursion to Longneck Lagoon Education Centre, Maraylya
7 7-12 Chapel at 9:40am
7 K-6 Assembly at 11:15am hosted by Class KS
7 Year 10 Food Tech Excursion to Plumpton McDonalds
10 CIS State Rugby League 7’s Gala Day, Bass Hill
10 Australian Science Olympiad
11 School Council Meeting
12 CSSA Secondary Zone Athletics Carnival
12 Kindergarten Incursion by Kindi Farm
12 Australian Science Olympiad
12 Students from Year 10 at NRL Captains Cup, Penrith
14 7-12 House Meetings at 9:40am (students wear House Shirts)
14 K-6 House Meetings at 11:15am (students wear House Shirts)
18 P&F Association Meeting 7:00pm, Secondary Library
19 Open Morning for new families - 9:00am – 10:30am
19 2015 Australian Museum Science Festival, Sydney
20 CSSA Primary State Athletics Carnival
20 Year 11 Biology Excursion to Mt Tomah
21 7-12 Assembly at 9:40am
21 K-6 Assembly at 11:15am hosted by Class KR
21 Year 10 Food Tech Excursion to Star Buffet, Richmond
25 Years 11 & 12 girls Curve Lurve Breast Cancer Awareness Lecture
26 CSSA Secondary State Athletics Carnival
27 Primary Wakakirri Performance
28 7-12 Chapel at 9:40am
28 K-6 Assembly at 11:15am hosted by Class 3J

July

27/7 – 7/8 Year 12 Trial HSC examinations
27/7 – 7/8 Learning Celebrations
29 Years 7 & 8 Parent Teacher Student Interviews
29 Years 10-11 (selected students) Christian Masterclass, Covenant Christian School, Belrose
30 Years 10-12 CSSA Secondary Boys State Football Finals Gala Day, Jamison Park, Penrith
30 Years 7-12 SASC Netball Competition, Kellyville Netball Complex
31 7-12 Assembly at 9:40am
31 K-6 Assembly at 11:15am hosted by Class KJ

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Meet the Staff

KATARINA MLADENOVIC (MARKETING / PUBLICATIONS OFFICER)

What is your favourite food?
I love anything with cheese, especially traditional Serbian pastry with cheese.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?
I love to be outdoors with my family (going for walks, to the beach). I practice yoga at least once a week. I also love to paint and draw.

When and why did you come to work at this School?
I started working this term as Marketing/Publications Officer.

What do you think you will enjoy about your role in the School?
I will enjoy having a mix of design and administration duties in a school environment.

Describe a wonderful experience you've had which you'll never forget.
I will never forget when I first came to Australia, 14 years ago. Everything looked so exciting and new.

Why did you become a Christian?
I grew up in a Christian home so it came naturally to me. I did have some personal enquiries during my teenage years, but I was lucky to find great teachers and ministers where I lived. So my family beliefs were confirmed on a personal level.

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