In contrast with the terrible weather conditions which necessitated the postponement of the Year 9 Camp from the beginning of this Term, the recent postponed Camp had great weather and the students enjoyed fantastic outdoor recreational activities. Many of them even completed their preliminary Duke of Edinburgh hike requirements giving them a head-start for the Program. Year 9 returned tired but well satisfied with their accomplishments and invigorated by the adventures undertaken. Special thanks to the staff for their time and energy: Mr Taylor (Camp Co-ordinator), Mrs Mulligan, Mr Bemrose, Miss Close, Mr Lee, Mr Roper.

We wish Mrs Kate Naidu all the best as she leaves RJ staff to undertake a Masters Degree. The part-time teaching load of Year 7 classes for Indonesian will be covered by Mr Antony Fletcher from Term 3, with some ongoing collaboration at times with Mrs Naidu. Also, Mrs Erin Cowling will be on Maternity leave from the beginning of Term 3 and we wish her well for the final stages of her pregnancy. Some changes to class allocations will allow Mrs Jerusha Thompson (who has been appointed to cover Mrs Cowling’s leave) to use her major expertise in Textiles Technology to take those classes and, Miss Johnston, whose major expertise is in Visual Arts to take those classes. During the final 2 weeks of Term 2 and the 3 week vacation break I will be on Sabbatical Leave, including an International Learners Conference in Madrid, Spain. I will be back for the beginning of Term 3. During my leave Mr O’Hare will be Acting Principal. I’m sure everyone will have a great finish to the term, with so many highlights, such as: Student Reports/Portfolios/Interviews, Athletics Carnival/s, Year 6 hosted Primary Fun Morning, Primary Disco, Secondary Heritage Festival and the K-12 Assembly to conclude.

A great deal of interest in our new Campus at Marsden Park is already starting to attract new enquiries. To help all of our RJ community be aware of what is envisaged in the planning so far a document titled, ‘Public Information for 2016’ has been included in the RJ Review. Please take time to read through it and ask any questions. Please also feel at liberty to share these details with friends and acquaintances.

This week we’re holding an Information Night for Year 10 students and their parents for the purpose of better understanding their transition into the Senior Years 11-12. The various subject selections and the process for indicating their choices will be presented. We look forward to the opportunity of mapping out their next two years of learning toward the HSC.

We’re not usually expectant of miracles, but Jesus was and is capable of anything. The Bible records Jesus, after rising from death, appearing to hundreds of people on separate occasions. On one such occasion Jesus appeared to some disciples who had locked themselves in a room for fear of the authorities who had crucified him. Class 2J brought the following account to life so wonderfully during Primary Assembly:

> Jesus suddenly stood among them. They were startled and frightened. He said, “Why are you troubled and why do you doubt? Look at my hands and feet. It is me! Touch and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones...
> Then he said, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

May we acknowledge and accept the amazing miracle of Jesus’ resurrection and what His power can mean to us.

Best wishes
Paul Cockrem
Principal

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### PRINCIPAL’S AWARD

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

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WHAT IS “CODING” AND HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED IN IT?
In my day the buzzword was “Computer Science”. These days the practical part of Computer Science, called “Programming” is becoming more popularly known as “coding” and it has evolved so that children who are young can be assisted by their parents to get into coding in a way that is very playful and fun.

There’s a craze for learning code. But what exactly is coding? Coding is what makes it possible for us to create computer software, apps and websites. Your browser, your OS, the apps on your phone, Facebook– they’re all made with code.

Here’s a simple example of code, written in the Python language:

```python
print 'Hello, world!'```

Many coding tutorials use that command as their very first example, because it’s one of the simplest examples of code you can have – it ‘prints’ (displays) the text ‘Hello, world!’ onto the screen.

THERE’S NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT
The following snippets are taken from an article by Dan Crawley, entitled “12 Games that teach your kids to code – and are fun, too.” It can be read at [http://venturebeat.com/2014/06/03/12-games-that-teach-kids-to-code](http://venturebeat.com/2014/06/03/12-games-that-teach-kids-to-code)

Coding is a big deal right now. Worldwide, 36 million kids have taken part in Hour of Code activities, helping them become active, rather than passive users of technology and starting learning that might one day help secure a job in our increasingly tech-driven world.

Even if your kids don’t go on to code for a living, a basic understanding of programming concepts improves problem-solving and thinking skills which are both transferable and empowering. Microsoft chairman Bill Gates says that: “Learning to write programs stretches your mind and helps you think better, creates a way of thinking about things that I think is helpful in all domains.”

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.
It’s wonderful to see the creativity of teachers and students as they explore different aspects of their learning! I’ve just been watching 10R Science students, following the completion of their unit on Space, putting aspects of their learning into practice. Building rockets using plastic bottles, and putting them under pressure, they literally “took off” in the car park, much to the delight of all who participated. The questions that will come from this activity will only further enhance students’ understanding of force, motion and the angle of projectiles (something for Stage 6 Mathematics). A few Primary students who passed by were also quite inquisitive!

There are, as usual, many activities taking place as we move from one “season” of events to the next. Mr Rowe has been focussed on both the CRU Day Camp and the upcoming Heritage Festival. VOX members and other musicians will soon be off to Rouse Hill for the Combined Choral Festival, while several Year 10 Drama students have been given the wonderful opportunity, through their Scriptwriting, to perform at Parramatta Riverside Theatre. Year 12 have been involved in Study Days and immersed themselves in their learning for particular subjects through a range of excursions and activities. Year 9 students have been to the theatre and the Athletics Carnival will soon be upon us all. Participation in a range of activities, whether they are very “public” in nature, or quietly attended to “behind the scenes” has an enormous impact on a student’s enjoyment of School and impacts their well-being beyond the gates at 3:20 pm. There is much to be involved with at RJ, and this includes taking an active part in the learning process, being challenged by assessment tasks, and working with staff to see how rewarding the learning experience can be.

On Wednesday evening we will hold the Year 11 2016 Information Night. Year 10 students were involved in a “Market Day” last week, to get them thinking about next year and the courses they might like to undertake. More information will be shared this week with parents present, so please aim to be there for a 7pm start.

Reports for students in Years 9-10 will be distributed in Week 9, and at the beginning of Term 3 for Years 7-8. What I have read so far are very informative, and aim to give a true indication of not only what has taken place, but what potential improvements can be made.

Jenny Clay  
Assistant Principal/Head of Secondary
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 (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

MARS DEN PARK CAMPUS – PREKINDERGARTEN

  - Two 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 8 are the first to use
THE SCHOOL’S LASER CUTTER

As part of the Metal Unit for Technology Mandatory, Year 8 students design and make an Alubind, otherwise known as an aluminium binder. On the front of the Alubind students create their own patterned surface finish by punching, scratching, sanding, masking and polishing.

To practise these skills students complete a skills acquisition project: a set of coasters and a stand. The coasters are made of aluminium and students test their surface finish ideas for the Alubind on these. They then make a coaster stand out of acrylic.

What’s different this year is that students didn’t cut their acrylic designs out themselves. Instead, after designing the stand in the CAD (Computer Aided Drawing) program the fluorescent tinted acrylic design was engraved and cut-out using the School’s new Laser Cutter. Students then heated the stand on the strip heater and bent it into shape.

Having this new technology at RJ is very exciting. TAS and Visual Arts staff are already developing projects and finding ways in which the Laser Cutter can be used to complement what is already being taught through our curriculum. In time, the Laser Cutter will be used across most TAS subjects as well as in Stage 6 Visual Arts and Photography.

Rob Cohen
TAS Coordinator

Secondary
MOCK TRIALS

This year for the first time a group of Year 10 students have joined other schools in Mock Trial competitions. They hold a pretend trial with barristers and solicitors and battle against another school in front of a real magistrate.

Our School team of Year 10 students are Tesa Cvek, Nicole Moreno, Ruben Luziac, Jasmine Shur, Elin Ostergaard, Tania Singh and Caleb Paje.

It is the first time in the competition for our School and we have started off really well. We are undefeated after 3 rounds and our defence barristers have consistently shown reasonable doubt and helped our defendant walk free after the trial!

The students have had a lot of fun and they really have enjoyed the intellectual challenge as well as meeting students from other schools.

“The Mock trials have been a great experience, where I have got to learn new things and meet new people. (p.s. love the free food)” Tania Singh.

“The time we’ve spent during the mock trials has been a rewarding experience that has benefited all members of our group. The opportunity to learn and grow, as well as bonding with students from other schools has made this a unique and gratifying experience.” Nicole Moreno.

Nathan Jones
HSIE Coordinator
“On 27 May to 29 May, Year 9 visited Camp Somerset at Colo River. At Somerset we were split into groups and set off to do different activities. These activities consisted of canoeing, hiking, high ropes, rock climbing and the mysterious ‘wombat hole’. Year 9 also had to make their own food. It was great - we even made wood fired pizzas! Overall, Year 9 Camp was highly enjoyable.”

A Year 9 Camp Somerset Survivor
Matters of PRIMARY IMPORTANCE

ASSEMBLY
Our Year 2 classes have presented very powerful Assembly items in the last 2 weeks, teaching us about the death and resurrection of Jesus. Both classes sang wonderful songs of hope and great encouragement to accompany their Assembly items. Well done Year 2 students and teachers for your fantastic presentations. Next week, 4R will teach us about the great promises of God. In Week 9, 6R will provide a summary of our Semester's learning about the Bible and its important message. Parents are warmly welcome to attend Assemblies. Recent Award recipients are:

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ATHLETICS EVENTS
Tomorrow, Wednesday 10 June, students in Years K-2 will have the opportunity to participate in some fun modified athletics events in the K-2 Mini Athletics Carnival. This event commences at 2pm on the School oval. Parents are welcome to attend. Next Monday 15 June students in Years 3-6 (including able 8 year olds from Year 2) will compete in track and field events at the Year 3-12 Athletics Carnival. Please pray for clear weather so we can enjoy these great sporting days.

EXCURSIONS AND INCURSIONS
Students in Kindergarten, Year 2 and Year 4 have enjoyed excursions in the past fortnight related to classroom learning experiences. Kindergarten children loved meeting the different animals at Featherdale Wildlife Park and have been busily writing all about them in class. Their teachers have been so excited to see the amount the students have been keenly writing. Year 2 students conducted themselves beautifully on their recent excursion to Rouse Hill Farm. Their teachers were so proud of their wonderful behaviour. Year 4 students had a very education day learning about our valuable water supply and its management on their excursion to Warragamba Dam. Again, their behaviour was exemplary.

HEAD LICE
From time to time parents or teachers may identify that a child has head lice. Head lice are most common among primary school aged children and are spread by direct contact with the hair of the infested individual. Research suggests that head lice are rarely transferred through clothing, hats, furniture or bedding, so there is little benefit in washing them as a treatment option. Nits and lice only live on the human head. They dehydrate and die if removed from the head. Removal options include:

- Applying store-bought conditioner to cover all of the hair and then using a fine long toothed metal lice comb to comb the hair in sections. The conditioner does not kill lice but assists in their removal. This treatment should be continued daily until no lice remain.
- Using a chemist-bought chemical treatment and treating as per the recommended instructions.

Parents are encouraged to check their child/ren's hair regularly for head lice and treat accordingly. The School should be advised so notes can be sent home to other parents of children in the class. Children should be encouraged not to play with other children's hair or lean their head on another child's head.

NATIONAL STIMULUS STORYTIME
National Stimulus Storytime was a whole lot of fun. Mr Cockrem read with such gusto that the students were captivated by the story and could easily relate to the characters, especially those students with younger siblings. Thank you to Mr Cockrem for your excellent storytelling on behalf of the Primary students. I'm not sure who enjoyed the experience more, Mr Cockrem or the children.

PRIMARY DISCO
The P&F Primary Disco will be held on Thursday 18 June. Students should have received a note regarding this event. Attendance replies need to be received by Thursday 11 June as per the note instructions. Children will be supervised by teachers throughout this very fun evening.

SASC CHORAL FESTIVAL
RJ SingStars and the Year 6 Singing Group will be performing at the annual SASC Choral Festival this Friday 12 June. This is a wonderful opportunity for our choirs to sing with other choirs and participate in a group performance. They will receive excellent tuition from a highly qualified instructor on the day. Parents are encouraged to attend.

STUDENT REPORTS, STUDENT WORK SAMPLE FOLDERS AND PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Student Reports and Work Sample Folders will be sent home on Thursday 18 June. Parent / Teacher Interviews
More Matters of PRIMARY IMPORTANCE

will be held on the evenings of Monday 22 June (from 3:40-8:00pm) and Tuesday 23 June (from 3:40-6:00pm) for students in all classes except 5R. Student Reports and Work Sample Folders for students in 5R will be sent home on Thursday 11 June with Parent / Teacher Interviews held on the evenings of Tuesday 16 June (from 3:40-6:00pm) and Wednesday 17 June (from 3:40-8:00pm). These Interviews are open to all parents. Parents are encouraged to bring the Student Report and Work Sample Folder along to their Interview to discuss any matters of interest or concern. Booking codes and instructions will be sent home this week. Please check your child’s bag. Only one booking code is issued per child and can only be used to make one booking. If you would like to make a booking but did not receive the booking letter, please contact your child’s teacher with your preferred day and times and they will make the booking for you.

YEAR 6 FUN DAY
A highlight on the Primary calendar each year is the Year 6 Fun Day. Year 6 students will organise fun activities and yummy food stands and serve K-5 students between recess and lunch on Tuesday 16 June. Year 6 students are currently seeking donations of items to assist in preparing for this day. Students purchase items and participate in activities at a small cost, with all proceeds going to our sponsor children in Nepal.

UNSW WRITING COMPETITION
With a focus on Writing at RJ this year, selected students in Years 3-6 will be participating in the UNSW Writing Competition on Thursday 18 June. A note will be sent home this week to advise selected students of their participation.

Narelle Taylor
Head of Primary

DEVELOPING THE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL CAPABILITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE

The 12 Negative Habits of the Mind

The ‘You Can Do’ program identifies 12 Negative Habits of the Mind that ‘fuel’ The 5 Blockers (Feeling very Angry – Misbehaving, Not Paying Attention – Disturbing Others, Procrastination, Feeling Very Worried, Feeling Very Down). The ‘You Can Do It’ program strives to replace each of the 12 Negative Habits of the Mind with one of the corresponding 12 Positive Habits of the Mind. The first 6 of the 12 Negative Habits of the Mind are:

1. Social Irresponsibility – thinking that I only have to be concerned about me and that it is not important to be a good citizen and to help make contributions to my community. It also means that I do not need to concern myself with others who are less fortunate, nor do I need to be sensitive to the feelings of others, act honestly, and to treat others – especially those from different backgrounds – with respect.

2. Being Intolerant of Limits – thinking that I should be able to do what I want, that nobody should be able to tell me what to do, and that I can’t stand having to follow rules.

3. Acting Without Thinking – not reflecting about different ways to handle interpersonal conflict, the consequences of different courses of actions and how someone else will feel after you have chosen to act in a certain way.

4. Being Intolerant of Others – thinking that people should always treat me fairly and considerately and in the way I treat them, and when they do not, I can’t stand it and they are totally bad.

5. Planning Time Poorly – thinking that it’s pointless to have any goals associated with being successful for anything I do.

6. Having No Goals – thinking that it’s pointless to plan my time; thinking that things will somehow get done; thinking “When is the latest I can start?” when approaching something that isn’t fun.
Year 4 Visit
WARRAGAMBA DAM

On Tuesday 2 June, Year 4 went to Warragamba Dam. We had an amazing time learning about the built environment and how the dam works.

Firstly, we took a bus trip to Warragamba Dam. It took us an hour. When we arrived, we had morning tea. After that, we split up into our classes and did activities. In our class group, we split into 3 groups of 10. One group went to make a model of a farm on a catchment area. We got to spray water on the model. Another group went to sketch 2 animals that were in glass and write two facts about them. The last group went to the museum where it had facts about the dam.

Next, we went to the dam. We went on a bridge that gave us an amazing view of the dam. While we were looking at the dam, our guide, Rusty, told us facts about the dam. Then we went on the bus and the bus took us to the bottom of the dam wall. We learnt lots more about the dam.

Lastly, we went to a park to have lunch. We played games like soccer, cricket and AFL. At last, the bus came and we took the 1 hour drive back.

My favourite part was going to the mini museum or the information centre. There was lots of information and there was a touch screen where we hit pictures and they told us information. So I know that we had a wonderful time at Warragamba Dam!!

Jaeda Mohtaj
Year 4 Student

DID YOU KNOW...
Most of Sydney’s water comes from Warragamba Dam. It travels in big pipes to Prospect where it is cleaned and made safe to drink.

Over 2 million megalitres of water is stored in Warragamba Dam. That’s 2 000 000 000 000 litres!

The lake formed by Warragamba Dam is called Lake Burrarorang. The lake is almost 60km long.

The water in the lake is full of living creatures. This tells us that the water is healthy.

The water in a dam is collected in its catchment area. The catchment area for Warragamba Dam reaches as far west as Lithgow and as far south as Goulburn.

Warragamba Dam was completed in 1960 and took 14 years to be built.

Warragamba Dam is about 140 metres high and 350 metres wide. It has a huge blue crane on top of the dam to help workers keep the dam working.

By 4J
Kindergartens’ FEATHERDALE EXCURSION

On Wednesday 3 June, Kindergarten set out for their first ever excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park. The bus trip there was very exciting and we loved seeing the bridges, trains and other cars!

Once we arrived, we were amazed at how many different types of animals there were. We loved the Tasmanian Devil, we marvelled at the size of the eagles and we giggled at the penguin antics as they gobbled their food.

In our wildlife show, we got to meet Mario the Shingle-Back Lizard, Captain Feathersword the Tawny Frog Mouth, Dora the Python and Gera the Koala. We were so excited to learn about them and give them a big pat.

We had a wonderful day and are very thankful to our parent helpers for making sure we came home safe and sound. We can’t wait for our next excursion!

Kindergarten teachers

From LEFT FIELD

Over 30 Primary students attended the recent CSSA State Cross Country at Sydney International Equestrian Centre. Congratulations to all who competed on a tough course. Many students running in this event for the second or third time achieved improved overall results, including Ethan Kerek, who placed 4th in his race to qualify for the CIS State Cross Country Championships to be held at Eastern Creek Raceway. On Thursday 18 June, selected Primary students will compete at the Men’s and Women’s CSSA State Gymnastics event. In previous years our RJAS students have achieved wonderful results, and we look forward to hearing about their effort and achievement in 2015.

With the School Athletics Carnival happening in Week 9, Primary students who finish first or second in their event will qualify for the Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival (to be held in Term 3). For the Zone Carnival, some events are conducted by 'age groups', i.e. 9 year old boys, while other events such as High Jump are conducted in categories such as 'junior'. A Junior event takes into account students who are 8, 9 or 10 years old. Please be aware of this, as your child might be first in an event, but still not qualify for Zone based on the classification.

Our WSCS (Western Sydney Christian Schools) Sport Competition has had a tremendous beginning. Thank you to all the parents who have headed to Jamison Park to support our RJ teams. Games are scheduled for Friday afternoons, beginning no earlier than 1pm.

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

Mr Cowling
Primary Sports Coordinator

Richard Johnson Anglican School
Year 2 visit
ROUSE HILL SCHOOL

Rouse Hill School, set in 1898, was an experience Year 2 will remember. We stepped back in time to dress and experience school life very different from today.

Here are some student highlights with photos that reveal a little of our experience.

Isaac: The best thing was seeing all the real creatures that we drew.

Jonathan: I liked using the abacus to count two times tables.

Ju Won: The dress up clothes from a long time ago were good.

Olivia: I liked going into the olden day classroom. It had things you don’t usually see like wooden desks and wooden benches.

Tuaoloa: We did some sewing of houses that were drawn on material.

Siana: I liked doing sport around the May Pole and exercise with bumbbells.

Freya Robinson
Year 2 Teacher
On Wednesday 27 May, Kindergarten to Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed Mr Cockrem’s reading of The Brothers Quibble by Aaron Blabey, a delightful tale of two brothers, Spalding and Bunny, who learn to share and get along.

RJ was one of 3261 locations across the country at which the same book was read at the same time for ‘National Simultaneous Storytime’, an event that encourages the enjoyment of reading and the wonder of Story.

The children left the hall with the sound of “Spalding! Spalding! Spalding! Spalding!” ringing in their ears. The book is now hot property in the Library, with an ever-growing list of reservations!

Kerrie Peterson
Primary Librarian
A Look at
RJ’S HISTORY

2003 was a landmark year in the life of RJ. The School, having been established for seven years, and with a total student population of 650, saw its first Year 10 students graduate. Year 5-10 Chapel Services, Assemblies and Home Groups began and RJ students took part in the inaugural SASC Performing Arts Festival. The School Council facilitated the establishment of a computer network throughout the School and the new Canteen facility opened two days per week. By the end of the year, the construction of Block B, the Information Resource Centre, was well underway. Staff members who joined the RJ team in 2003 and who continue as part of it today were: Mrs Karen McLeod, Mr Johnathan Hughes and Mrs Narelle Robertson (nee Emanuel).

The Information Centre (Block B) under construction.

P&F Association
PRESIDENTS REPORT

The Primary Disco organisation is under way. The note has gone home and we look forward to many children having a great time at this fundraising event. We will need helpers on the night so please email the P&F with your contact information or fill in the bottom of the note and return it with your child’s Disco money. We thank the Primary staff for supporting this event and providing the supervision in their own time. We remind parents that no parent will be allowed to enter the Disco and coffee will be served outside the canteen for those wishing to wait for their children. There is a DJ booked who plays appropriate music and also runs games so the children are entertained the whole time. Make sure you return the note and money to the office in an envelope marked with your child’s name and class.

School banking continues to go well and many children have received their first prizes as a result of banking each week. Thank you for all the parent support, it has been great seeing so many children saving each week.

The last P&F Meeting for the term will be held on Tuesday 16 June at 7pm in the Secondary library. It would be great to see you there. If you are unable to make it and would like the Minutes emailed to you or would like something brought to the Meeting on your behalf please email the P&F through the School website.

Tanya White
President
Prayer Points

• Praise – give thanks for the work of our Maintenance Staff (Mr Thomas, Mr Robertson & Mr Grima) in maintaining our grounds and buildings.

• Praise – give thanks for the work of our Learning Support Teachers and Teachers Aides in our School.

• Prayer – for Information Sessions, Enrolment Interviews and Open Mornings being held for new RJ students and families, particularly for the interest in the new Marsden Park Campus.

• Prayer – for upcoming Parent/Teacher Interviews, that they may be fruitful and positive.

June
10 K-2 Mini-Athletics Carnival at 1:50pm
10 Rugby League 9s Competition - Under 15s Joel Brown Cup and Tim Mannah Shield (Opens)
10 Year 11 2016 Course Information Night 7pm in Hall
10-11 Year 12 Physics Kickstart Workshop – Sydney University
12 7-12 Assembly at 9:40am
12 K-6 Assembly at 11:15am hosted by Class 4R
12 Year 12 English Modules Study Day – UTS Sydney
12 SASC Choral Festival at Rouse Hill Anglican College
15 Years 3-12 Athletics Carnival, Blacktown International Sportspark Athletics Centre, Rooty Hill.
16 Primary Fun Morning by Year 6
16 P&F Assoc. Meeting 7:00pm in the Secondary Library
18 ICAS Writing – selected Years 3-6 students
18 Primary Disco, Hall : Years K-2 from 4:45pm, Years 3-6 from 6:30pm
19 7-12 Chapel at 9:40am
19 K-6 Assembly at 11:15am hosted by Class 6R
22 K-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews
23 K-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews
24 Years 9 and 10 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
25 Secondary Heritage Festival
26 K-12 Assembly at 9:40am
26 Last day Term 2

July
13-17 CRU Blast for Primary students
15-17 Staff Development
20 First day Term 3
22&29 Kindergarten 2016 Readiness Assessments
23 Years 7-8 Reports distributed
27 RJ Learning Celebrations commence
27 Trial HSC Exams commence
29 Years 7-8 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
29 Years 10-11 (selected students) Christian Masterclass, Covenant Christian School, Belrose

August
5 Students from Year 8 at NRL Captains Cup at Penrith
5 Students from Year 10 at NRL Captains Cup at Penrith
13 Kindergarten 2016 Parent Information Session – 9:00am
19 Open Morning at 9:00am for new families
20 Year 11 Biology excursion to Mt Tomah

PLEASE BOOK THESE DATES:

10 June
Year 11 2016 Course Information Night 7pm
16 June
P&J Association Meeting 7pm
18 June
Primary Disco

Dates to REMEMBER TERM 2, 2015

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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.
Meet the Staff

JERUSHUA THOMPSON (TAS/ART TEACHER)

What is your favourite food?
I love lemon delicious pudding and my great grandmother's apple pie recipe.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?
I like to be creative, whether that is making a new outfit, trying a new recipe or revamping old furniture. I also like a good book or trip to the gallery.

When and why did you come to work at this School?
I came to work as a Casual Relief teacher at the beginning of 2015 on the recommendation from a staff member who said it was a great School to work at!

What do you think you will enjoy about your role in the School?
The opportunity to teach students in areas I am passionate about, getting to know students better, and working with a great team of staff.

Describe a wonderful experience you've had which you'll never forget.
The day I got married to my husband and being able to celebrate with family and friends from near and far away.

Why did you become a Christian?
Despite growing up in a Christian home I didn't really understand God until I went to university where I encountered people my own age reading the bible. As I read with them I was struck by God's word and what He has done for sinners like me.

What is your favourite Bible verse?
I don't have one favourite verse, but I love the book of Hebrews, it helped me understand how the Old Testament all comes together in Jesus.
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

For Further Information: Minister Neil Ellis 0433 252 268
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FOR CHILDREN IN KINDY-YEAR 6
TUES 30 JUN - FRI 3 JUL

EARLYBIRD REGISTRATION 26/4 - 17/5
ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST CLOSE 22/6

REGISTER NOW

SUPERHEROES MANIA
TUES 30 JUNE - FRI 3 JULY *
9AM-12:30PM

For all children in Kindergarten - Year 6
Run by Rooty Hill Anglican Church (St Alban’s MBM)

Register online at:
HTTP://MBM.CHURCH/COMMUNITY/KIDS/

Cost: Earlybird $35 (26th April -18th May)
Normal $40
Family rate (4 or more children) $30 per child

Registrations must close MONDAY 22ND JUNE 2015

Any questions Ph: 9677 0133 maggie@mbm.org.au

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All registrations must close 22/6
Sydney’s largest school holiday program returns this winter school holidays! There are 50+ fun-filled activities to keep kids active, outdoors and entertained. A range of activities are free or under $25, making it affordable to discover Sydney’s most exciting playground this holidays.

Archery – Kids on Target & Little Archers
All Day Holiday Recreational Program
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Circus Solarus’ Amazing Canival Game Show - FREE
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Sport & adventure camps
Laser Tag - NEW
....and lots more