Strikingly successful Grandparents’ Days at both Campuses brought great joy to our School community! They were occasions when we could celebrate all of God’s goodness and enjoy the tremendous interactions between people of different ages. History was made at our Marsden Park Campus with the first such occasion which our RickyJs loved, and their two lovely songs melted each person’s heart. At Oakhurst Campus nearly 500 people, including many kindly helping as Grandfriends, packed the Hall to enjoy a fantastic K-6 Concert, with all students energetically participating, sharing in song, drama, poetry and recitals about a special Bible focus of ‘faith, hope and love’. Then, an enormous Morning Tea, superbly catered by the Year 10 Food Technology class, with outstanding assistance from parents from the P and F Association, had everyone relaxed and in conversation. With the large Hall doors fully open and the Secondary students superbly performing songs, instrumentally and vocally, all our guests were enthralled by the extraordinary talent. The third main part of the event involved Primary classroom displays and activities. Wow, what an excellent time together! Such amazingly wonderful Grandparents’ Days involve considerable contributions and teamwork from many people. We acknowledge, with huge appreciation, every person in our School community, especially the RJ staff and most notably the Primary teachers and aides – congratulations! A DVD of the Concert Items will be compiled and we’ll finalise details soon.

Construction works at both Campuses are currently progressing steadily. At Marsden Park, Corcoran Street roadworks will be completed by the end of the term, allowing access through the main gates. Then the Clifton Road works will be finished next term. For the future, we’ve received confirmation of a large government grant ($950,000) towards the next stage costs of over $2.5m. At Oakhurst, the final shape of the external improvements is much more evident now and on schedule to be completed at the beginning of next term. We have much for which to be grateful!

Easter is only a short time away. This is the most poignant season for reflecting on what will determine one’s eternal destiny. I ask you to give yourself opportunities to consider the Bible’s miraculous claims concerning boundless love and grace, transforming forgiveness, as well as assurance of eternal life. Impossible? Yes, if this all depended on mankind. But with God these things are certain! Jesus changed everything. His personal sacrifice – His death – paid our debt of sin. His amazing resurrection gives everyone hope. Any person can receive this free gift, by faith, and your life can be changed, for the better, forever.

“To all who receive Jesus, to those who believe in His name, the right to become God’s children is given.”
(John 1:12)

“Because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, makes us alive with Christ even when we are dead in transgressions – it is by grace we are saved.”
(Ephesians 2:4-5)

A wonderful opportunity to consider the claims of Jesus’ character and actions occurs at our annual Family Service soon. Many Primary and Secondary students will participate in the Service. We anticipate the attendance of our RJ families and look forward to seeing you there.

RJ students (including PreKindergarten) are covered by Student Accident Insurance 24/7 i.e. all day, every day. As an aside, in the event of a student’s parent/guardian’s accidental death, the School fees are covered for 4 terms. Also, some financial support is provided for tutoring should a student be absent for a prolonged period because of an accident. Details are on our website under Publications/Forms & Notices or contact our Operations Manager, Mrs Stephanie Ghali.

Paul Cockrem
Principal
HOUSE LEADERS - 2016
Two of the Isaiah’s Eagles House Leaders left RJ at the end of 2016.

Congratulations to their replacements:

House Captain: Britney Olive
House Vice-Captain: Yasmin Lolis
House Leader: Tanya Singh

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - 2016
On Friday 13 and Saturday 14 May, an Overnight Leadership Development time for Secondary students will be held at School. Further details will become available soon and students are encouraged to keep those dates available.

JAPANESE VISIT - 2016
Year 11 students will be buddying up with 17 students from Niigata Prefectural Kokusai Joho High School in Japan. Kokusai Joho High School has set as its goal the cultivation of young people of enterprise and integrity --- young adults with sound mind and body, capable of playing an active part in our rapidly internationalizing and information-oriented world. The students should find that they have lots in common with their new buddies.

STUDENT DIARIES
Each Secondary student has a Diary which they should have with them every day at School and should also take home each night. A very easy way of showing how a student is faring at School is to have a look at his/her Diary. Parents are expected to sign these Diaries each weekend and I encourage parents to be proactive and expect to see the Diary on Friday if possible, to avoid the last minute rush on a Monday morning. The signature of the parent indicates to the teacher that the parent is aware of how their child is travelling. It should be clear that signing the Diary weeks in advance defeats the purpose completely.

Students who do not have their Diaries with them at School, not only get a demerit, but also get a Diary Replacement Sheet from the Period 1 teacher and they then use that during the day and return that signed to the teacher the following day. Failing to follow these procedures could result in further consequences.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY OPENS HEARTS AND POCKETS
Reece Hartin was a student of RJ until he needed to leave during 2015 due to medical issues.

Last week Reece underwent major brain surgery for five hours and his classmates got together to work out how they could make his life a little easier during the long recovery which lies ahead for him.

Within less than a week, students and teachers had contributed enough money to buy a Play Station 4 and games for him. The management of EB Games at Plumpton Marketplace were very accommodating and gave the boys a very good deal, plus a few extras.

The accompanying photo was taken when Munesh Chetty, Jordan Graham and Zahid Rahman went to his house after School on Friday 11 March to surprise him with the gift. The smiles on their faces in the photo are indicative of the excitement experienced by all those involved in once again showing that RJ is “a Place to Belong.”

Michael O’Hare
Deputy Principal

“A place to belong and succeed”
KEEPING YOUR PC SAFE

Our Tech Ninjas have been operating for a few weeks now helping students who are having issues with their BYOD computers. Many are simple issues such as not being on the BYOD network at school, but there have been a few times where students had a problem with the operating system and had no way to recover and repair the problem.

They had not made a repair and recovery USB.

Not too many years ago when purchasing a PC, a Windows Recovery Disc came with the machine. This has changed and it is now the responsibility of the purchaser to create the recovery media themselves. This is one of the first things that should be done when purchasing a new computer.

TO CREATE THE RECOVERY DRIVE ON A WINDOWS 8 OR WINDOWS 10 PC.

• Type in create a recovery drive in the search panel or find the Recovery option in the Control Panel.
• To create the drive you will need an 8GB USB which is not used for any other purpose as it will be cleared and formatted in the process.

The menu looks like this:

• Take the option Create a recovery drive and follow the prompts.
• When finished label the USB and put it in a safe place (just in case there is a problem)

Further details of backup and recovery can be found at this Microsoft support site: http://windows.microsoft.com/en-AU/windows/repair-recovery-help#repair-recovery-help=windows-7&v1h=win8tab1

BACKUP ON THE MAC

The Mac computers come with an automatic backup capability called Time Machine which can constantly backup files that have changed on your computer. It is highly recommended having a backup hard drive that will be used for the Time Machine backup as the backup gets large over time.

This link has detailed information on the setup and backup of your Mac computer: https://support.apple.com/en-au/HT201250

Keep safe,

Gary Clay
ICT Coordinator

“A place to belong and succeed”
The Board of Studies has sent electronic newsletters to students in Years 11 and 12, which contain information about their personal Students Online accounts, as well as links to useful study resources and other news.

They were sent to students’ registered email addresses. Students should check they have received the newsletters. If not students should go to Students Online to either activate their account or check their contact details are correct in My Details. Year 10 students will be sent one soon.

The contribution that Secondary students made to the success of Grandparents’ and Grandfriends’ Day was outstanding. The Hospitality kitchen was a hive of activity and we greatly appreciate the efforts of Mr Webb and his team of students, wonderfully assisted by Mrs Robertson, who all did a fantastic job preparing, cooking and serving food. It was lovely to see students, who were initially shy about offering food to people they didn’t know, take the initiative and return for another tray they could take around. The photographers and musicians, alongside the members of the Tech Team and teachers, all assisted in making it another great day for our Primary families! What a privilege to be able to work together in this way.

The initiative and generosity of students was also seen in the collection for Reece Hartin, which Mr O’Hare has written about earlier in this newsletter. That students care about one another, and express that care in a range of ways, reflects a core value of the School and obviously one that is taught, supported and encouraged by parents.

Year 12 have been given their exam timetable for the Mid-Year Exams, which commence next Monday. Students are reminded to return their notes if they wish to study away from School. You are reminded that exams start promptly at 8:30 am – this is a change from previous years. Please be on time, as you will not receive extra time if you are late.

Our next issue of the RJ Review will be after Easter. At this time of year, the shops have a plethora of different kinds of chocolate on display to cater for every taste. Sometimes society presents faith in the same way – find something to your “taste” and you’ll be satisfied. The Bible reminds us that Jesus is the only way our relationship with God can be restored, and his death and resurrection has made this possible. Instead of all the alternatives, why not “Taste and see that the Lord is good” (Psalm 34:8)?

Jenny Clay
Assistant Principal/Head of Secondary

“A place to belong and succeed”
It has been a great start to the year. I have been very well welcomed by both staff and students here at RJ. A great example of this was when I was carrying resources from D block to B block and five students offered to help me.

I am getting to know the students in the classes I teach and also time spent running the Formal Lunch Detention. After looking at the reasons why students are receiving formal Detentions I thought I would remind everyone of the School’s expectations regarding uniform, lockers and computers.

**REMINDERS OF EXPECTATIONS**

Students are to wear the correct uniform and wear it well. They should expect to be asked to fix their uniform if it is not worn properly. They should also expect a uniform demerit if friendly reminders are not adhered to. For a minority of students it is simple things they need to address, such as boys having their shirts tucked in, even at recess and lunch time. If students change the colour or appearance of their uniform in any way, a teacher will ask them to fix it and the item of uniform will be confiscated if it cannot be fixed. Students may pick it up from Student Reception at the end of the day.

Students are welcome to access their lockers before School, recess, lunch and after school. It is expected that they are on time to classes and that they do not go to their locker in between lessons or before Home Group.

It is great that we have BYOD for Years 7 and 10, as well as School laptops. Students have been made aware that computers are for School use rather than personal use. For BYOD we expect that the device is charged, ready to go each day and brought to each lesson. Students are welcome to use their device when a teacher invites them to do so. Inappropriate use of computers will result in a consequence. If students choose to search things that are not related to their class or use the computer without permission they can expect a demerit in their Diary. In some cases misuse of a computer, such as using email as a messaging service, accessing social media and trying to work outside the security settings of the School’s network, may result in a formal Detention.

A final reminder regarding mobile phones at School. Students are permitted to bring their phones to School and they are to be left locked in their locker. Mobile phones are not to be used on the playground or be brought to class. Disappointingly, many students have had their phones taken from them due to inappropriate use.

I do look forward to getting to know more students and families at Richard Johnson as the year progresses.

Regards,

**Brad Maxwell**

**Director of Welfare**

“A place to belong and succeed”
Over the past couple of weeks a great amount of sporting achievements have happened. Dylan Mitchell in Year 11 was selected for the CIS NSW Baseball team. He will be competing in the NSW All Schools Tournament on the 6 April, 2016. Congratulations Dylan.

Wednesday 24 March also saw the School compete at the Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival at Emerton Leisure Centre. Our School competed strongly, finishing in 3rd place in overall points. This is a very big achievement competing against 7 other schools. Thank you to the parents who came to support their children and also to the staff who came to assist in the running of the carnival. Congratulations to Armani Leuzzi in Year 10 for her achievement of being the 15 years Girls Age Champion.

The CSSA Secondary State Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday 21 March at Sydney Aquatic Centre, Sydney Olympic Park. We have 9 students from RJ representing the Nepean Zone. Congratulations to Caitlin Doughty, Samuel Fletcher, Stephanie Foster, Keelen Goc-Dunshea, Kartik Kumar, Armani Leuzzi, Dominique Leuzzi, Benjamin Rushworth-Curtin, & Hannah Woodcock for their achievement.

Some of our students competed at the Nepean Zone Touch Football Trials to gain selection to compete as a Zone at the CSSA Touch Football Championships at Coffs Harbour. Congratulations to Sione Pula, Corey Nicholson and Benedenne Llagas who made the team. They will be competing in a gala day on 1 April.

Our representative teams are competing well every Tuesday coming at against strong opponents. Finals for all sports will be conducted in the next few weeks.

On Friday 1 April we will be holding our School Cross Country Carnival for Years 3-12. Information notes will be distributed about this soon, please contact me if you have any questions.

Lastly, next term is jam-packed with sport. The following table outlines the Representative Sports and the School Sports that are available to students.

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Students wishing to trial for a Representative Team will be notified through the daily announcements. They will need to attend a trial afternoon during weeks 9 and 10 within sport time.

Yours in Sport,

Mr David Hyde
Secondary Sport Coordinator
ASSEMBLY - OAKHURST

During Assembly in Week 6, 1S taught us how important it is to pray for one another. Primary Assembly was replaced with our wonderful Grandparents’ Day in Week 7. This Week House Meetings will occur during Assembly time and next week a special Easter Outreach will be held on Thursday due to Good Friday on Friday 25 March. Recent Award winners were:

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EXCURSIONS AND INCURSIONS - OAKHURST

Year 1 students had a great time visiting the IMAX theatre and Wildlife World in Week 6. The teachers reported exceptional behaviour on the day. Well done Year 1. Year 4 students also had a fantastic day modeling clay and making their very own animated videos during their recent Claymation incursion.

FAMILY SERVICE – BOTH CAMPUSES

Be sure to mark Sunday 3 April in your calendar and plan to come along to our combined Oakhurst Anglican Church and RJ Family Service. We look forward to performance items from Primary and Secondary students, as well as presentations by the Church. Notes will be sent home this week. Be sure to check your child’s bag.

GRANDPARENTS’ VISIT – MARSDEN PARK

Our theme this year for our very special Grandparents’ and Grandfriends’ Day was “Faith, Hope and Love”. Primary students presented a variety of songs, poetry, skits and bible verses to bring this important message to life throughout the Primary Concert. Close to 500 grandparents and special visitors filled the Hall ready to be entertained and they were not disappointed. During the bountiful Morning Tea, prepared and served by Secondary students, with tea and coffee provided by helpers from the P&F Assoc., Secondary students provided exceptional musical entertainment. Secondary photography students captured many highlights from the day and the Primary Library was full to the brim with grandparents purchasing books for their grandchildren. Thank you to staff across the School, students, parent helpers and special grandfriends who helped make Grandparents’ and Grandfriends’ Day 2016 such a wonderful success. The challenge has been set for the grandparents to prepare a special item for us to enjoy next year – hmmm, we will just have to wait and see.

HOUSE MEETINGS - OAKHURST

Our next House Meetings will be held this Friday 18 March. It is important that all students have their coloured House shirt for House Meetings so they feel part of their House. House shirts can be purchased from the Uniform shop.

K-2 SWIM FUN DAY - OAKHURST

Students in Years K-2 are looking forward to the K-2 Swim Fun Carnival tomorrow, Wednesday 16 March at Emerton Leisure Centre. This is a great day for students to participate in fun activities and learn safe water behaviours. Year 6 Leaders are very excited to assist our younger students with this very exciting event.

NAPLAN

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will participate in NAPLAN testing in Week 3 of next term on Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May. Parents should ensure that no specialist appointments or other family-based activities are booked for these dates to ensure students are at School to participate in this national testing.

PRIMARY LEADERS’ CONFERENCE

In Week 7, Primary Captains, Vice-Captains, House Captains and House Leaders attended the GRIP Leadership Conference at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre. Through a range of presentations and activities, students were encouraged to consider how they could be active leaders. Students were challenged to be leaders who serve others and set an example to others by acting with integrity. The Conference was a great opportunity for students to meet leaders from many other schools and to share ideas with each other. The School Vice Captains, Dalyn Assur and Ester Gaolo, set a fantastic example by leading our students on this day.

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PRIMARY PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS – OAKHURST
All parents will receive a note early this week indicating if the Classroom Teacher (and/or Mathematics Teacher in Years 4-6) have requested to meet with you to discuss the progress and/or development of your child. If the teacher has not indicated that they would like to meet with you but you have concerns about your child’s progress, you may use the booking information to make an Interview time. Interviews will be held on Wednesday 6 April from 3:30-6:30pm. Please note: these Interviews are only for students where there is concern. General Interviews for all students will be held at the end of Term 2.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS – MARSDEN PARK
Parents will receive a note this week to indicate their time preference to meet with Mrs Hutchins to discuss their child’s progress to date in Pre-Kindergarten. Interviews will be held on Thursday 7 April from 3:20 - 6:30pm. Mrs Hutchins will advise your Interview time once all preferences have been collated.

PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS - OAKHURST
Primary Public Speaking Finals will be held on Thursday 31 March. Finalists will be notified via a note from Miss Scott after Stage Finals are complete. Due to the high quality of the finalists, judges will provide each of the finalists with feedback about their strengths as well as constructive feedback on an area in which to continue to improve their public speaking skills rather than awarding places. Each of the finalists will receive a Certificate of Participation.

SWIMMING EVENTS - OAKHURST
Congratulations to students who represented RJ at the recent CSSA State Swimming Carnival. Any students progressing to CIS level will be informed shortly.

YEAR 5 EDUCATIONAL TRIP – BLUE MOUNTAINS
This Thursday 17 and Friday 18 March, Year 5 students will be heading to the Blue Mountains for an Educational Trip. We pray for their safety as they enjoy a variety of fantastic learning experiences in the beautiful Blue Mountains.

Narelle Taylor
Head of Primary

PRIMARY LEARNING SUPPORT NEWS

READY TO READ PROGRAM

The Ready to Read Program began in Week 5 of this term and will continue all year. The Ready to Read Program operates before school on Tuesday and Thursday and after school on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Students read with either Learning Support staff or Secondary students.

Students participating in the Ready to Read Program read aloud at their independent reading level and do repeated reading at a lower reading level to improve fluency.

If you would like your child to participate in the Ready to Read Program please ring me on 9677 2455 (ext. 135).

Mrs Jennifer Jackson
K-6 Learning Support Co-ordinator

“Every Child Ready to Read
A place to belong and succeed”
Snapshots from Grandparents’ & Grandfriends’ Day

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Snapshots from Grandparents’ Visit at Marsden Park

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For your Interest

Information on Opal Cards
Over 350,000 students eligible for subsidised travel under the School Student Transport Scheme have been provided with a School Opal card for travel within the Opal network.

This year, Transport for NSW and transport operators have allowed eligible school students to travel without a School Opal card for the first six weeks of the school year, provided they are in school uniform or can provide evidence they are attending school (i.e. school student ID card or copy of class timetable).

As most students have now settled in to their new travel patterns for the year and have received their School Opal cards, the grace period ended on Monday 14 March 2016.

Please return Opal card forms as soon as possible to ensure that you can receive your School Opal card for travel and avoid any fines during travel to or from School.

If you have any further questions, please contact the School at (02) 9677 2455 or visit Transport NSW’s Opal Card for School Students page at the following address: https://www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/

Walking For A Great Cause
Emily Kranendonk (Year 12) and Daniel Kranendonk (Year 10) will be walking 26.5 kilometres on Sunday 20 March 2016 to help raise money for The Cancer Centre, at The Children’s Hospital Westmead.

This is especially close to Emily and Daniel’s heart, as their beautiful friend Brooke passed away in January 2015 from her third brain tumour. Brooke was just 15 years old.

If this is close to your heart also, please go to the below website and donate. We would welcome any contributions, great or small, that you could make.


For donations, please enter the walker’s name - i.e. Emily Kranendonk, Daniel Kranendonk.

Help us continue to provide expert care to children with cancer, giving them the best possible chance of a positive outcome.

Thankyou.
**PARENT PORTAL**
When logged in to the RJ Parent Portal, Parents/Guardians are prompted to update details that the School has stored in the Edumate database. Thank you to those parents who have responded.

Please note the following:
- The School does not require a parent’s Date of Birth
- Please do not enter a student’s personal email address, as this field is reserved for their RJ email address (issued from Year 6 and for all Secondary students)
- Do not tick the box ‘same as residential’ for your postal address, as this is a default in the database

The School encourages all Parents/Guardians to access the Parent Portal to review assessment tasks, upcoming excursions, term calendars, enter absence reasons, student timetables and results of exams.

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**P&F FUNDRAISING CALENDARS**
It has come to our attention that the 2016 calendar contains a printing error which has resulted in the date of 28 April being repeated twice. This error only impacts the 29 - 30 April with no flow on impact into May.

The School has been given a supply of stickers to restore the calendar to the correct date sequence. These will be available at Student Reception for pickup.

The printing company apologises for any inconvenience this error has caused. To ensure this does not happen again, they have put in place an additional layer of proof reading for the 2017 calendar.

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**SCHOOL DIRECTORY**

**Principal:** Mr Paul Cockrem
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**Assistant Principal /Head Of Secondary:** Mrs Jenny Clay
**Head Of Primary:** Mrs Narelle Taylor
**Operations Manager:** Mrs Stephanie Ghalil
**Director of Studies:** Mrs Julia Scrimshaw
**Director of Secondary Welfare:** Mr Brad Maxwell
**Director of Service Learning:** Mr Stewart Rowe
**Primary Co-ordinators (Yrs K-6):** Mrs Karen McLeod, Mrs Claire McCormick & Mr Michael Reed
**Welfare Co-ordinators (Yrs 7-8):** Mr Stewart Rowe & Mrs Kerrie Lyons

**Welfare Co-ordinator (Yrs 9-10):** Mr Brad Maxwell
**Welfare Co-ordinator (Yrs 11-12):** Mr Chris Smith
**Learning Support Co-ordinator (K-6):** Mrs Jennifer Jackson
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**Meet the Staff**

**JOANNE RATHBONE**  
(SECONDARY ENGLISH AND DRAMA TEACHER)

**What is your favourite food?**  
Roast ‘Beast’ with crispy golden potatoes and pumpkin, green vegies of broccoli and snow peas, and spoonfuls of thick gravy.

**What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?**  
Celebrating nature, walking in the bush, “sailing the seven seas” on the Manly ferry, lots of movies and owning an art and sculpture exhibition. Music, music, music.

**When and why did you come to work at this School?**  
My first encounter with RJAS was as a casual teacher in 2015. I came because God offered the door. Always makes me smile when He does that!

**What do you think you will enjoy about your role in the School?**  
Teaching a subject for which I am passionate. Sharing with students moments of awakening. Encouraging students to dream, and aspire to achieve their dreams.

**Describe a wonderful experience you’ve had which you’ll never forget.**  
The indescribable emotion of joy when holding my babies for the first time.

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**MELANIE GRAY**  
(MARKETING/PUBLICATIONS OFFICER)

**What is your favourite food?**  
Thai food!

**What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?**  
I enjoy photography, roadtrips down the coast and reading countless novels with a cup of tea in hand.

**When and why did you come to work at this School?**  
I began working at the School in January 2016 as the Marketing/Publications Officer, as I am passionate about creativity, design and education.

**What do you think you will enjoy about your role in the School?**  
I am looking forward to working in a Christian environment where I can use my skills in graphic design to bring new ideas to the School community. I also love putting together the RJ Review!

**Describe a wonderful experience you’ve had which you’ll never forget.**  
In December 2015, I had the chance to go back to Nepal with a group of friends from church. We were lucky enough to meet the orphaned children of Creative Children’s Development Project (“Peter’s Project”), enjoying Christmas craft, dinner, and a really fun dance party with all the children at the end of the night.
**March**

15  P & F Association Meeting  
at 7:00pm in the Secondary Library
16  K-2 Swim Fun Day from 9:30am – 12:30pm  
at Emerton Leisure Centre
17-18 Year 5 Educational Trip - Blue Mountains
18  7-12 Chapel at 9:40am
18  K-6 House Meetings at 11:15am
21-30 Year 12 Mid-Year exams
21  Years 1 – 6 Swimming Lessons
21  CSSA Secondary State Swimming Carnival
21  CIS Primary Girls Football (Soccer) Trials, Kemps Creek
23  Year 10 Commerce Excursion to Police & Justice Museum, Sydney
24  Primary Easter Outreach Service
25  Good Friday public holiday
28  Easter Monday public holiday
31  Year 11 Hospitality Coffee Training course, Sydney
31  Primary Public Speaking Finals
31/3-1/4 CSSA Secondary State Touch Football Gala Day

**April**

1  Years 3-12 Cross Country. No Assemblies on this day.
2  Open Morning at Marsden Park Campus 9:00am – 10:30am
3  St Marks Anglican Church and RJAS Family Service
4  Primary Jump Rope for Heart ‘Jump Off’ Day
5  Open Morning at Marsden Park Campus 9:00am – 10:30am
6  Open Morning at Oakhurst Campus 9:00am – 10:30am
6  Primary Parent/Teacher Interviews (Oakhurst campus)
7  Year 3 Excursion to IMAX and Sydney Aquarium
7  Pre-Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Interviews (Marsden Park campus)
7  Secondary Parent/Teacher Interviews
8  7-12 House Meetings at 9:40am
8  K-6 Assembly at 11:15am hosted by 1R
8  Last day of Term 1
25  ANZAC Day public holiday
26  First day of Term 2
26  K-12 ANZAC Remembrance Service
27-29 Year 9 Camp
27-29 Year 10 City Challenge
28  Year 7 Immunisations

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**Dates to Remember**

"A place to belong and succeed"
SYDNEY’S FAVOURITE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Kids in the Park is so much fun for kids of all ages, whatever their passion. This exciting school holiday program commenced in 2004 and has continued to get bigger and better every year! Whether your children love to be creative, sporty, or are into nature, there’s something to keep them entertained.

Kids in the Park offers the largest range of school holiday activities in NSW. Best of all there are heaps of **FREE** and affordable things to do for $25 or less.

**Register** for Kids in the Park to stay up to date.

With over 50 activities to choose from, here is a sample for the autumn school holidays.

**CREATIVE KIDS**
- ARTEXPRESS at the Armory workshops - **FREE**
- Digital Filmmaking Workshop
- All Day Holiday Recreational Program
- The Writing Workshop - three NEW workshops
- Sand Art Fun for School Holidays
- Fizzics Education - Chemical Concoctions
- Ice Age Live

**SPORTY KIDS**
- Cricket - Thunder Kids: T20
- Sydney BMX Club Come and Try Day - **FREE**
- Archery - Beginners Program - **NEW**
- Holiday Intensive Swimming
- SCA and ETC - Junior Duathlon Camp - **NEW**
- AC Milan Junior Soccer Camp

**ADVENTUROUS OR OUTDOORS KIDS**
- Urban Jungle Adventure Park
- Flying Trapeze
- Escape the Museum
- Walk and Squawk - **FREE**
- Park Patrol - Camouflage - **NEW**
- Bike Trails

Communities for Children

What’s on in Term 1, 2016

Contact us at c4cMtDruitt@missionaustralia.com.au or 8886 6300

All activities free!

**Hook’d Up**
At Madang Ave Public School
Tuesdays
3pm-4.30pm
Call Janice
0459 323 577

**Hook’d Up**
At Noumea Public School
Wednesdays
3pm-4.30pm
Call Janice
0459 323 577

** семейных связей**
Madang Ave Public School - Playgroup for 0 to 6 year olds
Mondays from 9am to 11am. Starts from 08/02/16.
Contact: Mel or Jeanette on 96250422

** семейных связей**
Whalan Public School - Playgroup
for 0 to 6 year olds
Tuesdays from 9am to 11am.
Starts from 09/02/16.
Contact: Mel or Jeanette on 96250422
Plus “Sing & Grow” from 16th Feb to 24th Feb

** семейных связей**
Coffee Club/Drop in: Whalan Public School Community Room
2pm to 3pm. Starts from 09/02/16.
Opportunity to get information, referrals and listen to guest speakers.
Contact Mel or Jeanette on 9625 0422 or checkout семейных связей Facebook page

** семейных связей**
Story Time for Hebersham Public School students, Kindy to Year 2
Wednesdays from 8:30am to 9am in the computer room.
Starts from 10/02/16.
No bookings needed!

** семейных связей**
Hebersham Public School Hall Playgroup for 0 to 6 year olds
Wednesdays from 9:15am to 11:15am.
Call семейных связей on 96250422 for start date

** KidsXpress**
Group Expressive Therapy Program for 4-12 year olds at Whalan Public School on Mondays
Contact: David Anthony (Program Manager)
sydney.west@kidxpress.org.au or phone 9380 9220 / 0458 024 763

** KidsXpress**
Group Expressive Therapy Program for 4-12 year olds at Blackett Public School on Tuesdays.
Contact: David Anthony (Program Manager)
sydney.west@kidxpress.org.au or phone 9380 9220 / 0458 024 763

** KidsXpress**
Sing & Grow is a 6 week fun music therapy program for parents and children. This program will be incorporated into the семейных связей Playgroup session. Alternative activities will be available for those who do not wish to participate in Sing & Grow.
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### Venues

- **Blackett Public School**: Boldrewood Rd, Blackett
  - **Playgroup** for 0 to 6 year olds **Thursday**s from 9am to 11am. Starts from 11/02/16. Contact: Mel or Jeanette on 9625 0422
  - Plus “Sing & Grow” from 16th Feb to 24th

- **Madang Ave Public School**: Mimika Rd, Whalan
  - **Playgroup** 0 to 6 year olds **Fridays** from 9am to 11am. Starts from 12/02/16. Contact: Mel or Jeanette on 9625 0422

- **Whalan Public School**: Karangi Rd, Whalan

- **Shalvey Public School**: Laver St, Shalvey

- **Noumea Public School**: Noumea St, Shalvey

- **Hebersham Public School**: Andover Cr, Hebersham

### Kids Gym

- **Playgroup for children 2-5 years and parents/carers**
  - **Mt Druitt Community Health**
  - **Bookings essential.**
  - Call 9881 1220.
  - Limited childcare for younger siblings available.

### KidsXpress Program:

- **By using music, art, drama and play, children’s stories and emotions can be brought to life, allowing them to gain a better understanding of what is going on in their life and explore new ways of viewing and coping with their experiences and building better relationships.**

### Mission Australia

- **Mission Australia - Building B, 28 Ayres Grove, Mt Druitt**
- **Mt Druitt Community Health - Cnr Buran & Kelly Close, Mt Druitt**

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**C4C is a partnership program funded by the Australian Government.**
Check out our website www.staticdancestudios.com.au for registration details and information.

classes offered
- jazz
- hip hop
- modern
- aerial
- singing
- adult tap
- ballet (RAD)
- private lessons
- contemporary
- tiny tots
- show group
- drama
- adult fitness
- american style cheerleading
- beginners jazz/funk/hiphop

NEW IN 2016!
- tap GWT
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- tiny tots
- show group
- drama
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- ballet (RAD)
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- contemporary
- american style cheerleading
- beginners jazz/funk/hiphop

Static Dance Studios Locations

Head Office: Unit 2/7 Enterprise Dr Glendenning Ph: 9675 3256 Mob: 0411 228 275
Rouse Hill Community Centre: Clower Ave - Opposite Aderdour Rd Rouse Hill Mob: 0434 231 511

New Students can present this flyer to receive your first 3 lessons free. *
* free lessons cannot be used for Cheerleading or Aerial classes

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Luke Priddis Foundation Supporting kids with Autism Spectrum Disorders

WIN up to $30,000 worth of CASH!

Raffle Tickets $10

Our ambition is to open centres across Sydney that will facilitate community programs, respite & integrated services for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders. These centres will provide a safe space for families to access support & services under one roof. Your support will bring us closer to opening our first centre.

Raffle Prizes
1st Prize: $10,000 CASH 2nd Prize: $7,000 CASH 3rd Prize: $5,000 CASH 16 Consolation Prizes: $500 CASH Each

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW! www.lukepriddisfoundation.com

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