Learning activities across the School have settled into a good rhythm and, for those new to the environment, particular routines and venues are now much more familiar. There has been a real sense of productivity and momentum already established.

The slightly modified Information Evenings hosted by Staff during the past fortnight have been well attended by RJ families. At each event there was keen interest in the details shared and an engaging atmosphere. Special thanks to the teachers for conducting these helpful occasions.

Our House Competition kicked-off splendidly with the Years 3-12 Swimming Carnival. Hearty congratulations to all active participants and also to David's Rams for winning Champion Swimming House provisionally - we await points from the K-2 Swim Fun Day in March. Special thanks to Mr Hyde as Carnival Co-ordinator.

Year 11 enjoyed an excellent Study Camp last week, during which they collaboratively unpacked the ‘journey ahead’ of them and became acclimatised to the expectations of their Senior Years. We thank the staff team of Mr Smith, Mrs Scrimshaw, Mr Clay, Miss Close and Mr Glazebrook. During the current week there are 3 Years, involving 246 students, who are on 3 separate Camps/Trips: Year 6 at Teen Ranch, Cobbity; Year 7 at Waterslea, Shoalhaven River; and Year 8 at the Snowy Mountains. They will have wonderfully different experiences due to these special locations and activities. There will be many different encounters, especially with God’s amazing creation, which will cause reflection and awe.

“The Lord is the great God. In his hands are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him. The sea is His for he made it and he formed the dry land. Come let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of the pasture, the flock under His care.”

(Psalm 95:3-7)

The first P&F Association Meeting will be held tonight and will be a good opportunity to hear more about the life of the School. It is the official forum for parents’ opinions, questions and ideas. We convey our appreciation to those parents who generously served our School community as P&F Assoc. leaders last year. Leaders for 2016 will be appointed during this meeting.

Best wishes
Paul Cockrem
Principal

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

Curtis Moule 1S
Trishali Raulji 3R
Alexa Magpugay 7A
Maxene Rebusada 7R
Dominique Leuzzi 8A
School RULES, OK!

STUDENT FORUM – 2016
The Primary students have chosen their Student Forum members for 2016 and the Secondary students are in the process of doing so. The role of members of the Student Forum is as follows:

- To represent the members of their class, so that each student has a voice to raise matters which they feel are important.
- To relay the results of discussions in Student Forum to their class members so that their class is up to date with what has been suggested in the School.
- To become involved in projects which the Student Forum decides are important to help the School Community.

Each member is to attend Student Forum Meetings as required and to bring matters for the agenda from their class. If a Student Forum member misses a meeting, a verbal warning is given by the School Captain(s). If further meetings are missed, a written warning may be issued by the teacher in charge of the Forum, through the Class teacher. Upon missing more meetings without a reasonable excuse, a member may be discharged of his/her duties and a new representative chosen.

SECONDARY HOUSE LEADERS – 2016
As was announced last year, the Secondary House Leaders are being linked to Home Groups. As Home Groups have changed again in 2016, adjacent is a list of the Secondary House Leaders and their respective Home Groups.

We look forward to these House Leaders making themselves known and helping them in many ways throughout the year.

STUDY HELP – SECONDARY
Years 7-12 students have plenty of opportunity during a week to receive Study Help or just have a quiet place to work. Students are encouraged to come along and work on Homework, complete Assessments or receive assistance from the Staff who are present.

The times for Study Help are as follows:

LUNCHTIMES – from 1:07pm to 1:34pm – on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays in C7 (Computer Room)
AFTER SCHOOL – from 3:20pm to 4:30pm – on Mondays and Wednesdays in Secondary Library

That amounts to more than 3 and a half hours per week that staff members are available so that Secondary students can make better use of their time. We trust that plenty of students will make use of this time.

Michael O’Hare
Deputy Principal

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BYOD TIPS
The students currently in Years 7, 10, 11 or 12 are well aware of the BYOD program on offer at School.

For the last few weeks, the ICT Team with assistance of the students, teaching staff and the ICT Teaching Coordinator have been on-boarding over 250 BYOD devices and settling both teaching staff and students into THE biggest period of technology change in the School's history.

This has been a 2 year journey for both ICT and School Executive to get this point, with refinements continuing to be made each day. In the past few weeks, students have had opportunity to get direct help from the ICT Team during Recess or Lunch.

Over the next week, the assistance activities will primarily be transitioned to the ICT Teaching Coordinator (Mr Clay) and Student “TECH NINJAS”, who will be available in the Secondary Library during Recess or Lunch. The ICT Team looks forward to assisting with the training of these TECH students.

As students have been coming to ICT with a few common issues, we thought would share relevant links which could assist student and parents.

HELPFUL TIPS

How to restart a laptop:
http://www.wikihow.com/Restart-a-Computer

How to reset a Surface device:

How to uninstall your current antivirus:

Recommended free antivirus programs for 2016:

Recommended paid Antivirus programs of 2016:

How to install the latest wireless driver, due to incompatibility with the school network:
http://www.wikihow.com/Reinstall-Wireless-Driver

How to install Office 365:

Download link for Office 365 on your BYOD device:
http://www.office.com/getoffice365

How to uninstall a previous version of Office:

Setup your Office 365 mailbox in your local outlook program:
https://support.office.com/en-us/article/Set-up-your-Office-365-mailbox-in-Outlook-a8059189-d5e5-419e-8702-0462e16891e1

LINKS STUDENTS SHOULD SAVE IN THEIR FAVOURITES OR AS HOMEPAGES:

- Office 365 and replacement for webmail
  https://outlook.office365.com

- CANVAS (learning management system)
  https://learn.sasc.nsw.edu.au

- CYBERSAFETY (Australian Government)
  https://esafety.gov.au/?from=cybersmart
Secondary SEGMENTS

We have had a very positive start to the year with two Information Evenings being well attended by parents and students. At the Year 11 Information Evening, the Assessment Booklet was distributed. This booklet will also be available on the School’s website. Students who have not yet collected a booklet will need to do so as soon as possible.

At the Stage 4 Information Evening, parents were given a number of handouts, including information on how to access the Parent Portal and a detailed outline of the Stage 4 Home Group Program.

The Stage 5 Information Evening has been moved to Wednesday 2 March, to allow staff from Camp Somerset to come and speak with parents in Year 9 about the Outdoor Education Camp, and to Year 10 about the Urban City Challenge. This event will commence at 6:30pm.

The Year 11 Study Camp went very smoothly and from all reports, the experience once again exceeded everyone’s expectations. Our students had the opportunity to bond together through various activities and listen to effective presentations on Study Skills and Time Management. We have emphasised the team nature of the HSC experience – the more students work together, the higher the achievement across the board.

Year 7 students and teachers are looking forward to Camp this week at Waterslea, while Year 8 students are heading to the Snowy Mountains. We wish them all well and pray for safety and a positive time together.

The BYOD program has been implemented very successfully and any problems associated with “onboarding” appear to be easily resolved. Year 7 students will also begin working through the Microsoft Academy program in Computing lessons shortly.

None of this could be achieved without the outstanding contribution of staff. The BYOD program, the overnight camps and a successful start to the year have all been the result of staff working very hard to provide a high quality learning environment. They have made particular mention of the attitude of Year 7 students towards their learning. Together, I think we can look forward to an exciting year. Well done, everyone!

Jenny Clay
Assistant Principal/Head of Secondary

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

We already have many Applications for students to commence at RJ in 2017!

A reminder to our current families to submit an Application now for siblings commencing in 2017.

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

There are still several vacancies in some Years for 2016, if interested please enquire at the Office.

Application forms can be obtained from Reception.

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.
**Music NOTES**

2016 RJAS Instrumental, Technical and Vocal Ensemble Program
The official ‘kick-off’ of our 2016 Co-Curricular Music program is Week 5. This week I am putting the finishing touches to the arrangements, but will be away on Year 7 Camp from Wednesday to Friday, so thought it best to start properly in Week 5.

2016 Primary Beginner Musicians Program
Our 2016 Beginner Musicians Program is nearly underway! This year we will have 2 programs running concurrently: Beginner Band (which encompasses the traditional Concert Band Instruments: Wind, Brass and Percussion); and our exiting new addition is the Beginner Strings Program!

2016 Beginner Band Program commencement
Our 2016 Beginner Band will be conducted by Mrs Robertson and will rehearse every Friday morning in D5 from 8:00am – 8:45am. The first rehearsal will be on Friday 26 February (Week 5).

Small group tuition sessions will commence on Monday of Week 5 (22 February) and a list of weekly times is as follows:

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2016 Beginner Strings Program commencement
Our 2016 Beginner Strings will be conducted by Mrs Hales and will rehearse every Wednesday afternoon in Block G Seminar Room 1 from 3:30pm – 4:15pm. The first rehearsal will be on Wednesday 24 February (Week 5).

Small group tuition sessions (30 minutes in duration), will commence on Monday of Week 5 (22 February) and a list of weekly times is as follows:

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2016 RJAS Instrumental and Vocal Ensembles
Our Primary and Secondary Guitar Ensembles, Primary Ukulele Ensembles, all directed by our wonderful Peripatetic Tutors, and our Secondary Vocal Ensembles, directed by RJAS Music Staff, certainly had an eventful and rewarding year throughout 2015. These groups had the privilege of performing in School Assemblies, various School events and concerts, and at our Presentation Nights.

Outlined below is a list of the many exciting opportunities for RJAS students to perform in an Ensemble in 2016, *each commencing in Week 5.*

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All Instrumental, Technical and Vocal Ensemble Program group tutorials and rehearsals will commence at the start of Week 5. For parents of 2015 Band Program students – if you do not wish your child to continue this year in the program please let me know (if you haven’t already) in writing by the end of this week, or I will assume that your child is continuing throughout 2016.

Group tuition is offered in the following instruments:

- Flute
- Oboe
- Clarinet
- Alto Saxophone
- Tenor Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Glockenspiel
- Percussion

The latest version of our Instrumental, Technical and Vocal Ensemble Term 1 Master timetable is published in this edition of our RJ Review. If your child is a member of one of these groups, please check the latest version of this timetable. It is a good idea to print off a copy to put on the fridge door!
PRIVATE TUITION LESSONS
Private Tuition is offered on the following instruments:

- Keyboard/Piano
- Acoustic/Electric Guitar/Bass Guitar/Ukulele
- Drums
- Flute
- Saxophone
- Singing
- Violin/Cello

Private lessons have commenced. There are, however, some vacancies on all instruments.

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

Narelle Robertson
Music Curriculum Co-ordinator

### RJAS 2016 BAND PROGRAM: MASTER TIMETABLE TERM 1

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SECONDARY SPORTS CORNER

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

Last week the first of our carnivals was held at Emerton Leisure Centre. The Years 3-12 Swimming Carnival was a great day of competition and fun with many of the students who participated in the different events demonstrating excellent swimming skills. It will be exciting to see how our students perform at the next level of competition when the Nepean Secondary School Zone Swimming Carnival is held on Wednesday 24 February. Notes will be distributed shortly to those students who have qualified to swim at that carnival. Congratulations to David's Rams which was our Champion House for 2016 and congratulations to all the students who participated in the races, helping make the day a very successful one. Thank you to the staff for all their efforts during the Carnival and also to the many student volunteers who offered their services on the day.

Congratulations to the following students on their excellent achievements in being Age Champions at the Swimming Carnival. Well done!

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Also last Wednesday, one of our students, Dylan Mitchell, competed in the CSSA trials, which were held at Northmead Reserve. Dylan played very well and was selected for the CIS team, which will play in the NSW All Schools Trial in April. Congratulations to Dylan and we wish him all the best at these upcoming trials.

I am looking forward to a great year of sport in 2016.

David Hyde
Secondary Sports Co-ordinator

“You miss 100% of the shots you don’t take.” - Wayne Gretzky (Champion Ice Hockey Player)
During Term One there will be Inter House Soccer played at Lunchtimes in the Hall on Mondays and Thursdays.

After the completion of the Stage 6 Competition, the Stage 4 Competition will run on Mondays and the Stage 5 on Thursdays, starting on Monday 7 March.

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**RULES:**

- 5 players must be on the field at any one time, unlimited replacements are allowed.
- Each Stage needs a Boys and Girls Squad for each House.
- House Leaders of the Houses not playing on the day will organise Referees for the matches and operate the Score Board.
- The matches must start on time.
- Boys may get changed into their House Colours (Proper Sports Uniform and House Shirt) during Recess so that their matches can start on time.
- Girls may stay in their House Colours (Proper Sports Uniform and House Shirt) after their matches and go home in those clothes.
- A win scores 4 points, a draw scores 2 points, a loss scores 1 point and a forfeit (less than 5 players) scores 0 points.
- After each team has played the other three teams, the two top ranked teams will play each other in the Grand Final.
Year 11 Study Camp was held at The Tops Conference Centre at Stanwell Tops on Thursday and Friday last week (11-12 February). Students were involved in a range of activities including study seminars, outdoor education activities and a games night.

The study seminars were presented by Paloma from Elevate Education. The seminars helped students to learn effective study skills and examination techniques. Paloma presented clear and engaging seminars that involved student participation, making it an informative and enjoyable experience for the students.

The Tops provided students with opportunities to challenge themselves in a range of outdoor education activities. The activities included abseiling, team-building games, high ropes and a giant swing - I can personally attest to its enormity. Many students managed to push themselves outside of their comfort zones and it was encouraging to see students working together to help each other reach personal milestones.

On Thursday evening students enjoyed a games night with a ‘Minute To Win It’ theme. Students competed as Home Groups against each other and found many opportunities to laugh together as teachers and students struggled to complete difficult, occasionally embarrassing challenges. One highlight was Kiteao’s incredible diving marshmallow catch!

All of Year 11 demonstrated their maturity throughout the Camp, which helped make it an enjoyable and productive time that will set the platform for Year 11 to support each other throughout these important final two years at School. A big thank you to all the students for making it such a great Camp!

Chris Smith
Stage 6 Welfare Co-ordinator
ASSEMBLY - OAKHURST
Our year started with House Meetings then a fantastic Years1-12 School Assembly, in which our Primary Captains and Vice-Captains enjoyed their first whole-school speaking roles. Last week 1J, the first class to perform an Assembly item, taught the Assembly all about how important it is to love the Lord our God. This term in Assembly we will be looking at loving the Lord our God and loving our neighbour – God’s commandments to His people in the New Testament. Parents are invited to attend Primary Assemblies from 11:25am on Assembly days. This week’s presenting class is 4R. Week 5 is 4J.

BANDAGE BEAR DAY – BOTH CAMPUSES
Bandage Bear will be visiting RJ at Oakhurst on Tuesday 23 March and Marsden Park on Wednesday 24 March for ‘Bandage Bear Day’. RJ students benefit from the care and support provided by the Westmead Children’s Hospital at times when they are unwell and our ‘Bandage Bear Day’ is a great way to support the Hospital. Students are requested to bring a $2 donation and up to $3 to participate in lunchtime ‘Bear’ games. Pre-K-2 students will enjoy a morning of ‘Bear’ activities, followed by a Teddy Bear’s Picnic. All students and teachers are encouraged to wear a bandage and bring along a bear, bandaged to also support the day.

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

GRANDPARENTS’ AND GRANDFRIENDS’ DAY - OAKHURST
Grandparents’ and Grandfriends’ Day is a special day for our students and grandparents. Students will make special invitations to send home in the coming weeks but, in the meantime, be sure to let interstate and overseas grandparents’ know the date, Friday 11 March, so they can start to make their travel arrangements.

GRANDPARENTS’ VISIT – MARSDEN PARK
A Special Grandparents morning has been planned for Marsden Park families on Thursday 10 March from 9:30-11:00am. Further details to follow.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES - OAKHURST
Extra-curricular activities have commenced for 2016. Your child might like to be involved in one or more of the following groups at Lunchtime through the week. Details and locations are given each morning in Assemblies:

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JUMP ROPE FOR HEART - OAKHURST
As part of Physical Education for Term 1, students will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart. The Jump Rope team will introduce the program to the students this Friday during Morning Assembly. Students will bring home sponsorship details on this day. Please be sure to encourage your child to obtain sponsorship in a safe manner, by asking friends and family members to sponsor them. Students should only go ‘door knocking’ to raise funds, if an adult accompanies them. Jump Rope is to be a safe and fun experience for our students.
More Matters of PRIMARY IMPORTANCE

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS – BOTH CAMPUSES
Thank you to parents who attended the Parent Information Evenings at both the Oakhurst and Marsden Park campuses. The format of these evenings was well received by parents who indicated they found both the General Information and Stage Information sessions to be extremely helpful. It was very encouraging to see so many parents actively involved in their child’s education.

SCHOOL BANKING – OAKHURST
School Banking Information Packs were distributed to all students last week. The pack includes information regarding School Banking and a redemption card for prizes. Any students who did not receive a pack can collect one from Primary Reception. School Banking day is Thursday each week.

STUDENT FORUM - OAKHURST
Congratulations to our new Primary Student Forum representatives – Sophie Brady (4R), Hilton Naidu (4J), Mia Friesendorf (5R), Elijah Seto (5J), Benjamin Acorda (6R) and Lara O’Brien (6J). Along with the Primary Captains and Vice Captains, these students will represent their classes at fortnightly Forum meetings where students raise and discuss matters of importance to the students in our School. I trust that this wonderful group of students will support their fellow students extremely well as members of Student Forum in 2016.

SWIMMING EVENTS - OAKHURST
It was great to see students participating in events and supporting their House with cheering and chants at the Years 3-12 Swimming last Monday. Students who qualified will compete at the CSSA Zone Swimming Carnival on Thursday 25 February. We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing about their successes. The CSSA Primary State Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday 7 March. Students in K-2 are looking forward to the K-2 Swim Fun Day on Wednesday 16 March at Emerton Leisure Centre. Further details to follow.

UNIFORM – BOTH CAMPUSES
All students need to have their hat at School each day in Terms 1 and 4. Girls’ dress length is to be mid-knee, no higher. Students are only permitted to wear jewellery as outlined in the Uniform Policy. Girls may only wear a plain stud or small sleeper. Parents are reminded that joggers, worn for PE and Sport, are to meet the criteria as described:

“Sport joggers (not sandals or slip-on styles) with laces, below ankle height, any colour but no fluoro colours or black.”

YEAR 6 CAMP – TEEN RANCH
Our Year 6 students and some very keen Year 10 helpers are currently enjoying a team-building outdoor recreational Camp at Teen Ranch. This Camp encourages students to support one another as they learn new and exciting skills in activities such as horse riding, canoeing and bush survival. Being a Christian camp, Christian Discovery is a great time of praise and getting to know our great God even better.

Narelle Taylor
Head of Primary

Amazing Cricket Achievements

8 boys of various cricketing ability participated recently in a Super 8 Cricket Gala Day at Jamison Park, Penrith. The team had mixed results in the two pool games. They narrowly lost the first game by 6 runs in the last over of the game. There was a great individual performance by Daniel Gauci who had to retire after being unbeaten on 23 not out.

The second game saw RJ win by almost 60 runs. Daniel Gauci once again had to retire on a score of 20 not out. Apii Manu was on a hat trick when he had his bowling over but was unable to achieve the feat on the third ball. The boys gained confidence with that victory and went into the quarter final match with Rouse Hill with high hopes.

The quarter final match was a tight affair with some solid performances by all of the boys. Once again the match went down to the wire with our boys narrowly losing by 5 runs in the last over. All of the team played in the spirit of the game and were a credit to RJ.

Gavin Mitchell
Year 5 Teacher
A Selection of Photos From
THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Updating details
IN THE 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.

Richard Johnson
ANGLICAN SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Principal: Mr Paul Cockrem
Deputy Principal: Mr Michael O'Hare
Assistant Principal /Head Of Secondary: Mrs Jenny Clay
Head Of Primary: Mrs Narelle Taylor
Operations Manager: Mrs Stephanie Ghali
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 K-6): Mrs Stephanie Ghali
Welfare Co-ordinators (Yrs 7-8): 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
Learning Support Co-ordinator (7-12): Mrs Kerrie Lyons
Counsellor: Mrs Debbie Beck (Tue - Thur)

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Website: www.rjas.nsw.edu.au
E-mail: admin@rjas.nsw.edu.au
Absences: absences@rjas.nsw.edu.au
Portal: http://61.8.3.144/rjas/
Uniform Shop: Tuesday 8:20am - 9:00am
Canteen: Mon – Fri Breakfast, Recess and Lunch
P&F Association: PandF@rjas.nsw.edu.au
Meet the Staff

MATTHEW SENDT (HSIE COORDINATOR)

What is your favourite food?
Smoked salmon.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?
Cycling and reading.

When and why did you come to work at this School?
I’ve started in 2016 as the Coordinator of the HSIE faculty.

What do you think you will enjoy about your role in the School?
To enjoy leading a great team of people in my faculty as we seek to educate our students and commend the gospel to them.

Describe a wonderful experience you’ve had which you’ll never forget.
Taking my students to Pompeii for the first time and watching their reaction.

Why did you become a Christian?
In 1990 I became a Christian on a camp because I was convinced that Jesus lived and died for our sins.

What is your favourite Bible verse?
Ephesians 2:8-10 “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

What is something you want to achieve?
I would like to become fluent in reading Ancient Greek.

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

Meet the Staff

RUTH KEMPLAY-HILL
(PRIMARY RECEPTION & TEACHER’S AIDE)

What is your favourite food?
Chocolate!

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?
Reading.

When and why did you come to work at this School?
I started in January 2016 in a new role at Primary Reception and as a Teacher’s Aide.

What do you think you will enjoy about your role in the School?
Being with students.

Describe a wonderful experience you’ve had which you’ll never forget.
Giving birth to my son and seeing him for the first time.

Why did you become a Christian?
I became a Christian because I was lost and needed a friend. I realised that without Christ my life has no meaning and since this time I have had a best friend and know I have someone I can count on.

What is your favourite Bible verse?
Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

What is something you want to achieve?
I would love to go to Paris and one day visit England and Wales.

If you could meet any person in the world at the moment who would it be?
The Queen, as she is a wonderful inspiration to everyone.
Dates to REMEMBER TERM 1, 2016

February
16  P & F Association AGM at 7pm in the Secondary Library
17 & 19  Year 7 Camp
17 & 19  Year 8 Educational Trip
19  Years 9-12 Chapel at 9:40am
19  K-6 Assembly at 11:15am (hosted by 4R)
22  Years 1-6 Swimming Lessons
23  Primary Bandaged Bear Day at Oakhurst Campus
24  Pre-Kindergarten Bandaged Bear Day at Marsden Park Campus
24  CSSA Secondary Zone Swimming Carnival
25  CSSA Primary Zone Swimming Carnival
26  7-12 Assembly at 9:40am
26  K-6 Assembly at 11:15am hosted by 4J
29  Years 1 – 6 Swimming Lessons

March
2  Years 11 & 12 Legal Studies Excursion
2  Years 9 & 10 Parent/Student Evening at 6:30pm in the Hall
3  Years 9, 10, 11 & 12 Textiles Excursion
3  Year 12 English Studies Excursion
4  7-12 Chapel at 9:40am
4  K-6 Assembly at 11:15am hosted by 3J
4-8  Year 12 Hospitality Work Placements
7  GRIP Primary Leadership Day
7  Years 1-6 Swimming Lessons
7  CSSA Primary State Swimming Carnival
10  Grandparents Visit at Marsden Park Campus at 9:30am
11  Grandparents'/Grandfriends' Day at Oakhurst Campus at 9:30am
11  7-12 Assembly at 1:30pm
14  Years 1-6 Swimming Lessons
15  P & F Association Meeting at 7:00pm in the Secondary Library
16  K-2 Swim Fun Day from 9:30am-12:30pm
17 & 18  Year 5 Camp
18  7-12 Chapel at 9:40am
18  K-6 House Meetings at 11:15am
21-24  Year 12 Mid-Year Exams
21  Years 1-6 Swimming Lessons
21  CSSA Secondary State Swimming Carnival
24  Primary Easter Outreach Service
25  Good Friday Public Holiday
28  Easter Monday Public Holiday
31  Year 11 Hospitality Coffee Training Course
31  Primary Public Speaking Finals

PLEASE BOOK THESE DATES:

16 February
P & F Association AGM at 7pm

17-19 February
Year 7 Camp

17-19 February
Year 8 Educational Trip

2 March
Years 9 & 10 Parent/Student Evening at 6:30pm

Prayer POINTS

• Pray for the safety of students on Camp this week, and that they will have wonderful experiences.
• Praise for the increasing enrolments at Marsden Park Campus in Pre-Kindergarten.
• Pray for Year 11 after Study Camp, that they will use the tools and techniques learnt to improve their preparations for the HSC.
• Praise for the work of the outgoing P & F Assoc Executive as they conclude their volunteer positions, especially for Mrs Tanya White as President. Pray for the incoming Executive also.
All Opal Cards sent to the School by Transport NSW have been distributed to students. Applications received this year have been processed by the School and sent to Transport NSW for processing. Due to the large number of applications they receive this time of year, there may be a few weeks delay in delivery. These will be posted directly to the student’s home address.

How can parents, guardians and students apply for a School Opal card?
Parents or guardians, and students who are eligible for SSTS travel and have not already received a card, should be directed to apply online at transportnsw.info/school-students.

How can parents, guardians and students update their details?
Parents or guardians, and students can also go online at to update their home address, school or campus, or transport operator selection.

If a student who is part of a shared parental responsibility arrangement (‘joint custody’) needs travel for a second residence, each parent/guardian will need to go online and complete a separate application which needs to be endorsed by their school. The student will receive one School Opal card sent to their nominated home address, which is coded for all selected and approved operators.
An exciting opportunity exists for a dynamic Christian to join a dedicated team in this expanding Pre-K to Year 12 School serving two Campuses.

**BUS DRIVER/MAINTENANCE OFFICER**

Part-time, 2 x 2 hour shifts per day, Monday to Friday (preferably), term time, commencing asap. This role is temporary for 2016.

Refer to website for Position Description.

Applications, including full C.V. with at least one referee being the applicant’s current Minister and contact details for two work-related referees due by **Monday 29 February** to admin@rjas.nsw.edu.au

In accordance with Child Protection Act (2012), a Working With Children Check employment clearance is required. Provide clearance number, expiry date and Date of Birth with application.

[www.rjas.nsw.edu.au](http://www.rjas.nsw.edu.au)
Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

**What are my legal responsibilities?**

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

**The importance of arriving on time**

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

**What if my child has to be away from school?**

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child’s absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

**Travel**

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child’s school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child’s school principal.
My child won’t go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school’s learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child’s attendance at school.

- Application to the Children’s Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child’s attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children’s Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children’s Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child’s full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

The school leaving age:

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team
T 131 536
Learning and Engagement
Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships
T 9244 5129
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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   Church @ 6

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

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

For Further Information: Minister Neil Ellis 0433 252 268
Located at 95 Hyatts Road, Oakhurst (at the back of the car park)
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Contact us at c4cMtDruitt@missionaustralia.com.au or 8886 6300

**All activities free!**

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**MONDAY**

**Playgroup**
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

**Group Expressive Therapy Program**
Madang Ave Public School - Drumbeats Program for Adults to build confidence and improve social skills.
- Mondays from 1:30pm to 2:30pm.
- Starts from 15/02/16 to 21/3/16.
- Limited childcare available.
- Contact: Mel or Jeanette on 96250422

**TUMBLE AND TWIST**
Madang Ave Public School.
- Mondays from 3pm to 4pm.
- Starts from 15/02/16.
- For Years 3 & 4 Madang PS students only: Learn basic acrobatic moves in a fun and supportive environment.
- Bookings essential.

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**TUESDAY**

**Playgroup**
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

**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 check out familylinks Facebook page

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**WEDNESDAY**

**Story Time**
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!

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

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**THURSDAY**

**Coffee Club/Drop In**
Blackett Public School Hub Room. Playgroup for 0 to 6 year olds
- Thursdays from 9am to 11am. Starts from 11/02/16.
- Contact: Mel or Jeanette on 96250422
- Plus “Sing & Grow” from 16th Feb to 24th

**Coffee Club/Drop In**
Blackett Public School Community Room from 2pm to 3pm.
- Starts from 11/02/16.
- Contact 9625 0422 or check out familylinks Facebook page.
- Opportunity to get information, referrals and listen to guest speakers.
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**FRIDAY**

**Playgroup**
Shalvey Public School Gulyangarri Room
- Playgroup for 0 to 6 year olds
- Fridays from 9am to 11am . Starts from 12/02/16.
- Contact: Mel or Jeanette on 96250422

**Hook’d Up**
At Madang Ave Public School
- Tuesdays 3pm-4:30pm
- Call Janice 0459 323 577

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**VENUES**

- **Blackett Public School** - Boldrewood Rd, Blackett
- **Madang Ave Public School** - Micmika Rd, Whalan
- **Whalan Public School** - Karangi Rd, Whalan
- **Shalvey Public School** - Laver St, Shalvey
- **Noumea Public School** - Noumea St, Shalvey
- **Hebersham Public School** - Andover Cr, Hebersham

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**KIDSXPRESS**

**Programs**

- **Group Expressive Therapy Program**
  - Contact: David Anthony (Program Manager) sydney.west@kidsxpress.org.au or phone 9380 9220 / 0458 024 763

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**MISSION AUSTRALIA**

**Building B, 28 Ayres Grove, Mt Druitt**

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**Kids Gym**
Playgroup for children 2-5 years
- Locations:
  - Mt Druitt Community Health, Bookings essential. Call 9881 1220.
  - Limited childcare for younger siblings available.

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**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.

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**Mission Australia**

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

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