Term 2
Week 8
Tuesday 9th June
2015

Dear parents and caregivers,

It’s hard to believe it is Week 8 already and that we are down to the last three weeks of the term! There are a few things on the radar:

Report Cards
The teachers are very busy writing half yearly reports, which will be sent home in Week 10. We hope you have as much fun reading them as we are having writing them!

There are some minor changes to the report layout. A requirement of the new English syllabus is that a single grade will be given for

\`English. Previously students have been given a grade for each sub strand: Reading, Writing and Talking and Listening. We now only give one A-E grade that reflects a students overall performance in English. We are endeavouring to provide detail about your child’s strengths and areas for improvement in the comment.

We have included a scale to rank your child’s effort and application in each key learning area. This is a simple 1,2 or 3 scale. 1 represents excellent application, 2 represents satisfactory application and 3 that his/her application is low and improvement is desired. We believe this will give you a greater insight into your child’s achievement. Eg A student who has a basic achievement but who attains a 1 (excellent application) for effort is a very different story to the student who has basic achievement and receives a 3 (low application) for effort.

We will be scheduling Parent Teacher interviews during the first weeks of next term. Each teacher will send home a note outlining the times available for these. The first notes returned will receive first choice of timeslots. We will do our best to be flexible and accommodate the needs of working parents.

The Playground
I have no further news regarding the closure of our play equipment area. We are anticipating some action to clean up the fill sooner rather than later. DEC Asset Management has also recommended that we have our playground equipment assessed to ensure it meets the DEC safety standards. I have contacted ‘Kidsafe’ and this assessment will take place while the playground is out of action.
Painting
We are using our allocated Asset Maintenance funds to paint inside our Administration block. This will begin later this week and will create havoc for us all. The most significant change will be that there will be times when the foyer and School Admin Office is completely out of action. Mrs Pillidge will be working but in very challenging circumstances. While we will do our best to keep things running smoothly, we would appreciate your understanding and support.

Community BBQ
It was wonderful to have such a great turn out for our community BBQ. Thank you for coming along. We extend a huge thank you to Stacey Parker for her organisation.

Athletics Carnival
The two dates we have on the calendar for our School Athletics Carnival are July 17, (the first Friday of next term) and then July 28 (Tuesday of Week 3). The first date is another schools wet weather back-up date, but as the weather has been kind to us it shouldn’t be a problem. I will be able to confirm July 17 in the next newsletter. The end of term isn’t too late for parents to volunteer to help – it’s never too late!

Star Struck
Star Struck are ready to go this week. Rehearsals and performances will be held on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Students need to ensure that they are dressed warmly with their star Struck t-shirt and shoes (please label all clothing).

Below are times for bus departure and return. Please be ready to leave and pick up from school.

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5 Cent Coin Collection
A great little fundraiser that has proven to be very successful in schools is the collection of 5 cent pieces. People don’t usually mind parting with their five cent coins, so we ask the children to ask their neighbours, friends, grandparents, aunts and uncles to raid their coin jars and car consoles and donate their 5 cents to us. We will of course accept donations from people who choose to upsize to include coins of larger denominations.

The collection will continue all of Term 3 with competitions each fortnight to encourage the children to get involved. There will be more information regarding this in our next newsletter – but it’s not too early to start collecting! Our goal is to collect $1000.

I hope you enjoy your week.

Kind regards
Kim Witt

Canteen Roster

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Enjoy the Term break Stay safe

Please phone me if you can help on any free days, just add your name to the roster located in the school office. My phone number is as follows: Stacey 0458 029 583.
COMMUNITY NEWS

1st Rathmines Scout is holding a Garage Sale on Saturday 20th June, 2015 from 8am to 2pm. The Scouts are looking for anyone who would like to "bring your boat down to sell for a small fee". If you have a boat or canoe and would like to use this service please contact Grace Curry on 0439 914 813. There will also be bric a brac and a scout car wash. The P&C Association will also be holding a stall at the Scouts Garage Sale. We have lots of household items for sale including fridges, microwaves and lots more items to set up a home.

If you are free Saturday 20th June to help sell these items, please contact either Mrs Witt or Karen Smith.

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Turn off the TV or computer and get active

Did you know?

- Spending too much time watching TV, surfing online or playing computer or electronic hand-held games is linked to children becoming overweight or obese.
- Children who watch TV for more than 2 hours every day are more likely to have an unhealthy diet, less likely to eat fruit and less likely to be physically active.
- More than half of primary and about three-quarters of secondary school students exceeded the recommended screen time guidelines.
- Children are more likely to snack on foods that are high in sugar, salt or saturated fat when they're watching TV.

How much time in front of the screen?

When kids and teens spend time in front of all screens – whether it’s the TV, computer or hand-held games – it takes away from the time they could spend playing sport, games or being active.

Australian guidelines recommend that kids and teens spend no more than 2 hours each day on screen entertainment.

While computers and TV can be valuable for education and learning, the health benefits, skills and enjoyment that kids and teens get from being physically active are just as important.

"Set limits for computer games and being online!"

Tips for parents

- Before you switch-on the TV or the computer for your children, stop and think – could they spend the time being active and have some "small screen" time later on?
- Set limits on TV viewing. If there is a specific program that your child wants to watch, turn the TV off once it has finished. Alternatively, record the program and watch it together later on.
- Set limits for computer games and being online – no more than 2 hours a day and not during daylight hours when they could be outside and active.
- Don’t allow a TV or computer in your child’s bedroom. Keep them in a common area of the family home so you can monitor use.
- Have a list of active indoor and outdoor games or activities for your children, so you can suggest alternatives to watching TV or playing on the computer.

For more information and ideas on healthy eating and physical activity, go to www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au