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SCHOOL NEWS:

School Newsletter

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A Letter to the Community

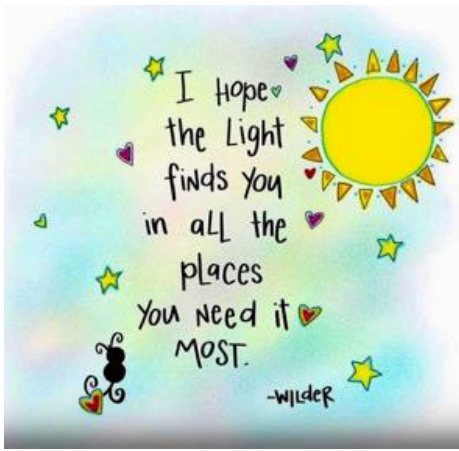
"Thought for the Week"



SENIOR CAMP

Last week our Year 4 to 6 students, accompanied by parents, Mr Kroll, and Miss Lane, attended the highly anticipated **Senior Camp to Sydney and Canberra**. The adventure began bright and early, with students arriving at the Gold Coast Airport by 4:45 a.m.

While it was still dark and many were yawning, the air



was filled with excitement and anticipation. For several students, this was their very first time flying, making the start of camp even more memorable.

The first two days were spent exploring **Sydney**, particularly the bustling area around Circular Quay. Students immersed themselves in history at the Hyde Park Barracks, wandered through The Rocks, admired the world-famous Sydney Opera House, and enjoyed a scenic harbour cruise that showcased the beauty of the city skyline. On the second day, they headed to **Taronga Zoo**, where despite the heavy rain, the students enjoyed seeing animals from across the globe. Fortunately, the rest of the week brought perfect weather with sunny days that were neither too hot nor too cold.

The remainder of the trip was spent in **Canberra**, where students visited significant national institutions and monuments. They learned about Australia's history and the development of our nation's capital, explored the Australian War Memorial with reverence, engaged in hands-on science fun at Questacon, and even took part in lively debates at Parliament House.

One of the biggest highlights came towards the end of camp with a trip to the **snow**. The joy on the students' faces as they spotted the snowy mountains in the distance was priceless. Once there, they built snowmen, threw snowballs, and delighted in simply playing in the snow, many for the first time.

Throughout the week, students also worked on their

camp books, adding maps, brochures, and photos to capture their experiences. We extend a heartfelt thank you to the parents who attended and to our hardworking P&C, whose fundraising efforts over the last three years made this unforgettable experience possible.



Assessments

ASSESSMENT PERIOD

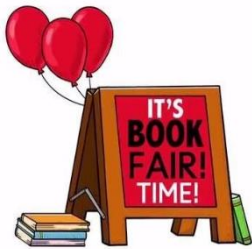
As we move into the second half of the term, our classes are now transitioning from the explicit teaching phase of units into the **assessment period**. During this time, students are provided with the opportunity to demonstrate

their understanding of the knowledge and skills they have developed over the term. These assessment tasks are a valuable part of the learning process, as they allow teachers to measure progress, identify areas of strength, and highlight any concepts that may require further support.

Because of this, it is **essential that students attend school every day** to ensure they can complete all tasks to the best of their ability. Consistent attendance allows students to stay on top of their learning and avoid unnecessary pressure from catching up on missed work.

That being said, the health and wellbeing of our students remains the highest priority. If your child is feeling unwell, we encourage you to keep

them at home so they can rest and recover more quickly. Returning to school healthy ensures they are in the best position to complete their assessments with focus and confidence.



BOOK WEEK

This week our school celebrated **Book Week**, with the theme "*Book an Adventure.*" To launch the week, students were invited to explore the wide range of books and stationery items displayed by Mrs. Reilly as part of our annual Book Fair. The fair has been a great success, with

many students excitedly purchasing books and stationery to take home.

On Wednesday, the school was transformed into a colourful parade of storybook characters. Students came dressed as favourites such as Peter Pan, Princess Leia, Tinker Bell, Daphne the Diamond Fairy, and Dora the Explorer. Prizes were awarded across the year levels for the *Best Dressed* and *Most Creative* costumes, and once again our students showed off their imagination and flair. Adding to the fun, staff and even some parents joined in the festivities by dressing up as well.

As a number of students were absent during Book Week, we are pleased to announce that the **Book Fair has been extended until Wednesday,**

27th August. This gives all students the opportunity to browse and purchase items, ensuring no one misses out on the chance to *book an adventure!*



NEW AMENITIES

The construction of our **new amenities block** is now in the final stages, and we are delighted with the progress made so far. Over the past fortnight, major milestones have been reached, with the walls, doors, toilets, screen

ing, and cabinetry all installed. The building is now really starting to look complete, and it is exciting for both students and staff to see this long-awaited project coming together.

At this point, the only major tasks left are the installation of flooring, landscaping around the building, and a few final finishing touches to ensure everything is ready for use. Once these jobs are completed, we anticipate the new amenities block will be officially opened **before the end of term**. This new facility will provide the school with modern, practical, and comfortable toilets and washrooms that will greatly benefit our students and staff for many years to come.

We would also like to sincerely thank our students and the wider school community for their patience and understanding during the construction period. Everyone has adapted extremely well to the use of the temporary toilets, and we truly appreciate the cooperation shown. We look forward to celebrating the opening of the new amenities block very soon.



PUPIL FREE DAY

Friday, 5th September has been scheduled as a **student-free day**. On this day, stu

dents are not required to attend school while staff use the time for planning, collaboration, and professional development. These days are an important part of the school year as they allow teachers to reflect on student progress, prepare high-quality lessons, and engage in training that supports the continual improvement of teaching and learning across all year levels. By investing in this time, we ensure that our students benefit from engaging, well-structured, and effective learning experiences. Normal classes will resume on Monday, 8th September.

BE A PART OF A FITNESS COMMUNITY THAT KEEPS YOU MOVING & MOTIVATED!



Join us for Pilates!

We're excited to introduce Pilates to our suite of wellness offerings - helping you build strength, flexibility and balance on the mat or on the Reformer.


Located in the heart of Barney View, we offer group and personal training sessions in a fully equipped, air-conditioned studio. All ages and ability levels are welcome to join this fun, supportive space - where Laurel will support and guide you every step of the way!

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LINE DANCE

Friday Nights

Rathdowney Hall

6 weeks
25th Apr to
30th May
(Starts
ANZAC day)

5.30pm – 7pm

Cost: \$7 cash

Instructor Yokie will have everyone boot scootin'
along to some great tunes.

Come along and join in the fun, everyone welcome!

Bookings not necessary, but if you require more info contact 0400 241 357



Rathdowney Hall



Old Time Dance

Celebrating 50 years of the
supper room extension & new dance floor

5.30pm–10.30pm, Saturday 13th September 2025

\$10 Entry (delicious traditional supper included)

Primary school age & under FREE

Pay at door (cash or EFTPOS)



~ Bar (soft drinks available) ~

Raffle ~ Lucky Spot prizes

~ Euchre (card games) ~



Gypsy Tap ~ Pride of Erin ~ Rockabilly

For further information: rathdowneyhall@gmail.com or 0400 241 357

Dates to Remember August-September 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W K 7	25 Parade	26	27 Chappy Breakfast Tuckshop See over	28 Chappy Breakfast	29 Healthy Lunches
W K 8	1 Parade	2	3 Chappy Breakfast Tuckshop See over	4	5 Student Free Day
W K 9	8 Parade	9	10 Chappy Breakfast Tuckshop See over	11 Chappy Breakfast	12 Healthy Lunches
W K 10	15 Parade	16	17 Chappy Breakfast Tuckshop See over	18	19 Healthy Lunches

Tuckshop Roster Term 3 & 4

Term 3			Cakes	Cakes
Wednesday, 16 July 2025	Tiffany	Bree	Aspen	Danika
Wednesday, 23 July 2025	Jas	Tiffany?	Rach	Laurel
Wednesday, 30 July 2025	Danika	Rach	Bec D	Chloe
Wednesday, 6 August 2025	Bec D	Tiffany	Jas	Kirsty
Wednesday, 13 August 2025	Bec N	Bree	Danielle	Elise
Wednesday, 20 August 2025	Jas	Nat James	Bree	Rach
Wednesday, 27 August 2025	Jas	Tiffany?	Elissa	Aspen
Wednesday, 3 September 2025	Bec D	Tiffany	Emma	Danika
Wednesday, 10 September 2025	Rach	Bec N	Kasey	Chloe
Wednesday, 17 September 2025	Jas	Bree	Aspen	Laurel

Term 4			Cakes	Cakes
Wednesday, 8 October 2025	Bec D	Tiffany	Elise	Kirsty
Wednesday, 15 October 2025	Jas	Tiffany?	Chloe	Rach
Wednesday, 22 October 2025	Bree	Rach	Aspen	Danika
Wednesday, 29 October 2025	Danika	Tiffany	Kirsty	Bec D
Wednesday, 5 November 2025	Bec D	Rach?	Danielle	Laurel
Wednesday, 12 November 2025	Jas	Bree?	Emma	Chloe
Wednesday, 19 November 2025	Bree	Tiffany	Aspen	Kasey
Wednesday, 26 November 2025	Nat James	Rach	Elissa	Elise
Wednesday, 3 December 2025	Bree	Danika	Bree	Danika
Wednesday, 10 December 2025	Jas	Tiffany	Chloe	Laurel

Rathdowney State School Uniform Order Form

If you require uniforms for your children, please fill in the order form below with size and amount of items required.

Shorts, skorts and shirts are in sizes **4 – 16** - payments can be made by EFT or cash.

We have 3 different hats available. The adjustable hats are in 2 sizes sm/med or med/Lg. Our non-adjustable hat is a size **57 med**, and sells for just \$5.00.

We also have a jacket in our school colours, these jackets are by special order only.

They will be available to order in March next year.

Size	<u>Adj Hat</u> <u>Sm/Med</u> \$8	Adj Hat Med/Lg \$8	Hat Med 57 \$5	Shirt \$30.00	Shorts \$14.00	Skorts \$16.00
Total Amount Date		<u>EFT Banking Details</u> Rathdowney P & C Account BSB – 064400 Account - 00902052				

Hopefully this will assist you when ordering uniforms for your child/children. This form can be brought to school by your child and handed in either at the office or their classroom.

For further assistance please contact me on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays.

Many thanks

Kerry Watson

(Uniform Coordinator) /

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