



Rathdowney State Primary School

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SCHOOL NEWS:

A Letter to the Community

"Thought for the Week"



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WELCOME

This fortnight, we are delighted to welcome two new members to our school staffing team. Firstly, Miss Kirsty has joined us as a teacher aide, supporting all three classrooms each day until the end of term. Many in our school community will already know Miss Kirsty, as she has generously volunteered at the school over

many years, particularly on Fridays during art lessons. Her familiarity with our students and routines means she has quickly settled into her role, providing valuable support to both teachers and students across all year levels.

Secondly, Miss Thorpe has joined us on Fridays as part of our specialist rotations. This term, she is teaching the Drama strand of the Arts curriculum, providing students with exciting opportunities to explore performance, creativity, and expression. Today, students began investigating their drama performance pieces, with the goal of presenting them at concert night.

Under Miss Thorpe's guidance, students are learning skills in collaboration, improvisation, and stage presence, which will help them develop confidence and enjoyment in the performing arts.

We are thrilled to have both Miss Kirsty and Miss Thorpe

as part of our school community and look forward to the energy, expertise, and enthusiasm they bring to our students' learning experiences.



HALLOWEEN DISCO

Tonight, the P&C are excited to host the annual Halloween Disco in the school hall from 5:30–7:30pm. All students are invited to join in the fun, dressed in their favourite Halloween costumes, and enjoy an evening of music, dancing, and spooky festivities. The P&C will have a range of food and drinks available for purchase throughout the night, ensuring everyone stays energised and refreshed while they dance.

Important reminder: Parents are required to remain on school grounds while the disco is in progress. This is not a drop-and-go event, as supervision and safety of all students is a priority.

Additionally, the P&C will be preparing for tomorrow's Halloween Trivia Night, and any parents who are available to assist with set-up, decorations, or other tasks are warmly encouraged to join in. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps ensure both events run smoothly.



TRIVIA NIGHT

Following the spooky fun of Halloween, the P&C are thrilled to host a Halloween Trivia Night tomorrow at the school. This event promises

an evening full of entertainment, friendly competition, and festive Halloween spirit for the whole community. The P&C have worked hard to organise everything for the night, including delicious Halloween-inspired food and drinks to keep everyone energised, as well as a range of fantastic prizes generously donated by local businesses and community members. Tables are still available for anyone who would like to attend, whether you're coming with family, friends, or colleagues. Participants will have the chance to test their knowledge with a variety of spooky-themed trivia questions, enjoy a fun atmosphere, and celebrate the Halloween season together. The event is not only a great way to have fun but also an opportunity to support the school and the P&C, whose efforts help provide valuable

resources and experiences for our students.

To ensure a smooth and enjoyable evening, please refer to the flyer at the end of this newsletter for all the details, including start time, location, and booking information.

Don't miss out on a night of Halloween excitement, delicious treats, and community

Parent Teacher
Interviews



fun!

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

This week, we held our Parent-Teacher Interviews, an important part of our school calendar that provides families and staff with dedicated time to discuss each student's progress, achievements, and areas for growth. These inter-

views allow parents and carers to gain a clear understanding of their child's learning, ask questions, and work collaboratively with teachers to set goals and plan strategies for continued success.

Importantly, these meetings help to build and strengthen the connection between

home and school, ensuring that both families and staff are working together to support students' academic, social, and emotional development.

When parents are actively engaged and informed about their child's learning, students benefit from more consistent support, encouragement, and guidance both at home and in the classroom.

This partnership plays a vital role in fostering confidence, motivation, and a sense of belonging for every student, contributing to their overall success and wellbeing at school.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

As the spooky season ends, our thoughts naturally turn to Christmas as we approach the end of the year and begin our usual end-of-year procedures and events. In line with this, Mr and Mrs Weiland will soon be preparing the much-anticipated Christmas Stocking, filled with a variety of treats, toys, and gifts for our students to enjoy.

To support this initiative, raffle tickets will be available for \$1 each, with all proceeds going directly to the Student Council. Funds raised will help subsidise the wonderful and

memorable camps and experiences offered to our students throughout the year. Raffle ticket booklets will be sent home with students in the coming weeks. If you would like to purchase more tickets than those provided, please contact the school, and additional booklets can be sent home.



FUTSAL COMPETITION

Last week, students in the upper two classes received a permission form for an upcoming Futsal Competition that our HPE teacher, Mr. Stewart, has sourced. These forms were originally due back last Wednesday to allow

time for team nominations to be finalised. However, as Mr. Stewart has been absent for much of this week, we understand that some forms may not have yet been returned. If your child received a permission form and you would like them to participate in the competition, please ensure the completed form is returned to the school by Monday, 3 November, at the latest. This will allow Mr. Stewart to confirm team entries and finalise the necessary arrangements once he returns.



PRE-PREP

This week, I had the pleasure of dropping in to meet our Pre-Preps, many of whom are familiar faces, being siblings

of some of our older students.

Each year, we run a weekly Pre-Prep program in Term Four aimed at getting to know our future students and helping them settle into school routines.

As we are now halfway through the program, there are only two weeks remaining. On the final day, Wednesday, 12th November, we will be hosting a Parent Information Morning Tea. This session provides parents with the opportunity to collect enrolment papers, ask any questions they may have, and get to know other families who will also be starting their education journey next year. While the parents attend the morning tea, the Pre-Preps will be hopping into the water as part of the school's HPE lessons. This gives our swimming instructors a chance to assess how confident the children are in the water, as

swimming is an important part of our school program. Reminder for those Pre-Preps attending the transition days, please ensure your child brings a hat and morning tea each week.



ANNIE PERFORMANCE

For a number of years now, our small school has had the wonderful opportunity to travel to Brisbane to experience live performances at QPAC. Previous productions have included *Frozen*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Shrek*, and *Aladdin*, all of which have provided our students with a memorable cultural experience.

Over the upcoming summer holidays, QPAC will be hosting

the timeless musical *Annie*, which will conclude just as school returns. To continue this valued tradition, we are delighted to have secured tickets for the final matinee performance on Wednesday, 28th January 2026, before the show closes that weekend.

Due to the short turnaround at the start of next year, excursion notes for this event were sent home today. We ask that permission forms be returned this term—preferably as soon as possible—to assist with finalising numbers and transport arrangements.

Our Pre-Preps will receive their notes during transition days in preparation for when they begin Prep next year. There will be a \$30 charge for this excursion, which will not be invoiced until Term 1, 2026. We look forward to sharing another fantastic live theatre experience with our students.



GOLD COIN DONATION

SPOOK-TACULAR HALLOWEEN DISCO!

Come join us at Rathdowney State School
for our Halloween DISCO!!

Lots of spooky dancing and scary laughs
to be had.

Friday 31st October
5:30pm-7:30pm

Food will be available to purchase
Eat, drink and be scary!

Come dressed for a tang-tastic night.
BYOB- Bring your own broom



**Rathdowney State
School P & C**

RAFFLES
PRIZES
LUCKY DOOR

BEST DRESSED
COCKTAILS
FUN



HALLOWEEN TRIVIA

DATE: 1st Nov 2025

TIME: Doors Open 5:30pm

Start 6:00pm

LOCATION: School Hall

PRICE: \$30.00/person Includes food

MAXIMUM 8 PEOPLE PER TABLE

**To book your table call the school on
55404333 or text Emma 0423637202**



Dates to Remember November-December 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W K 5	3 Parade	4	5 Chappy Break- fast tuckshop: See Roster Cakes See Roster	6	7 Ice Blocks
W K 6	10 Parade	11	12 Chappy Break- fast tuckshop: See Roster Cakes See Roster	13	14 Ice Blocks
W K 7	17 Parade	18	19 Chappy Break- fast tuckshop: See Roster Cakes See Roster	20	21 Ice Blocks
W K 8	24 Parade	25	26 Chappy Break- fast tuckshop: See Roster Cakes See Roster	27	28 Ice Blocks
W K 9	1 Parade	2	3 Chappy Break- fast tuckshop: See Roster Cakes See Roster	4	5 Ice Blocks

Rathdowney Swimming Club

Affiliated with Swimming Queensland

The Rathdowney Swimming Club caters for children Prep to High School. We are a small club which encourages every child to achieve their best, no matter what their level of swimming ability.

Training fees are very reasonable at \$5 per session, however you must sign up to be a member of Swimming Qld through Swim Central. There is a "come 'n try" option for new members.

Training days: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Beginner 3.30pm to 4pm

Intermediate 4.15pm – 5pm

General supervised swim Sundays 1 – 4pm

(You do not have to train all 3 days, and only pay for training days attended)

For information on how to join, come to the Rathdowney School pool during a training session or contact 0487 385428 or find us on Facebook.

Adults who want to swim laps or exercise in the water

Tues, Thurs, Friday 4.30pm – 5.30pm, Sunday 1- 4pm

By joining Swimming Qld through Swim Central, adults can use the pool during the above times (subject to a volunteer lifeguard being available).

Cost: \$2.50 per swim, but you must be registered with Swimming Qld as a recreational swimmer which costs \$96 for the season (ends April 2026). There is a "come 'n try" option which covers the first 30 days membership for free, with no obligation to sign up after that.

Contact: 0487 385428 or 0457 474888



If you have a Play On! Voucher, this will cover membership and 20 training sessions for FREE!

Make sure you add your voucher at the checkout when signing up.



Rathdowney School Pool now has new steps which make it easy to get in and out of the water

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!

About your Trainer

- Fully qualified Personal Trainer, with 10 years of experience in the fitness industry
- ASCA-qualified Strength & Conditioning Trainer
- Nutritionist
- Mat & Reformer Pilates Instructor
- First Aid & CPR Certified



CALL LAUREL & BOOK YOUR FITNESS ASSESSMENT TODAY!
040 527 4009 

TUCKSHOP MENU



CHICKEN BURGER/ WRAP

\$5

- Crumbed chicken patty with your choice of lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot, cheese, beetroot & pineapple

TOASTED SANDWICH/ WRAP

\$4

- Topping - Ham, cheese, tomato, pineapple

PIZZA

\$4

- Cheese, Ham & cheese, Ham, cheese & pineapple

HOTDOG

\$4

- Plain hotdog or with cheese



PIE

\$4

SAUSAGE ROLL

\$4

CHICKEN NUGGETS (5)

\$4

ASSORTED MILK AND JUICE POPPERS

\$2

CAKES

\$1



CHAPPY DON'S COOKIES (2)

\$1



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

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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