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SCHOOL NEWS: School Newsletter

A Letter to the Community

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"Thought for the Week"



DON'T DECIDE
THAT YOU
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BEFORE YOU
DISCOVER
THAT YOU
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WELCOME BACK

By now the staff and students have truly settled back into the school routine after the Easter break. This edition is a little late due to myself being on long service leave last week. Thank you to Miss Lane who was the acting principal in my absence. For the first two weeks, Mrs Masen enjoyed an extra long break as

she was on two weeks leave. During this term, Sorelle and Fern took on the cleaning role in Mrs Masen's absence.

Miss Van and Miss Heit have returned to continue their placements in their classrooms. By now, both pract teachers are teaching a majority of lessons each day in the classrooms.

One of the main focuses for this term is athletics. This year's annual sports carnival will be held at Rathdowney on the 13th and 14th of June. We have once again been fortunate to receive athletics coaching from a national coach. Last week, all the students learnt shotput. In addition, the senior class have been working on their ball skills during morning fitness.

The junior class have just commenced a structured perceptual motor program. The

purpose of this program is to help develop both their gross motor skills and the fundamental skills associated with many different sports and games. This program will be provided by Chappy and Miss H on a Wednesday and then carried over until the following Wednesday in which the activities are changed.

This week, the tuckshop received a brand-new oven and stove top. This should make both the catering for tuckshop and fundraisers easier now that the oven works properly. We hope it to be installed in the very near future



ANZAC DAY

Last Thursday, on the 109th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings, Rathdowney students, staff and families assembled in front of the

Rathdowney Store to take part in the annual ANZAC parade. Leading the march, was once again the school's drum and fife band, who have been practicing throughout the year under the careful guidance of Mrs Wieland during lunch breaks. This year, Mrs Reilly and Montana (Yr 7) assisted the band by marching alongside the students while playing the fife.

Once the students reached the Memorial Grounds, they stood respectfully listening to

each speaker as they addressed the enormous crowd, attending the ceremony.

Once again, two of our senior students recited the ANZAC requiem and resolution. Noah

P and Nikita read their respective passages with great confidence as the crowd listened on.

Thank you to Pam Hardgrave who knitted enough poppies for each student to wear as they marched. Then during the ceremony, every student acknowledged the sacrifices that past soldiers gave, as they placed their poppies at the bottom of the flag pole during the laying of the wreaths.

Thank you also to the Rathdowney Bowls Club which prepared refreshments for after the ceremony. I personally received from several community members, positive feedback on how well the students participated during the march and ceremony.



SPORTS NEWS

As we returned from the Easter break, three of our students attended the Beaudesert Zone's cross-country carnival, held at the Emmaus campus in Jimboomba. Colin, Mason and Noah P competed against students from all around the Beaudesert region including; Tamrookum, Saint Mary's, Jimboomba and Yarrabilba to just name a few.

Even though, the competition was fierce, all three students tried their best and completed their races. The fastest 14 participants from each race, will represent the Beaudesert Zone at the

district carnival held at Rivermount on Tuesday the 7th of May. Colin and Mason will attend the district carnival, while Noah unfortunately just missed the opportunity by finishing 18th in his race.

Today after school, Amelia will try out for the district soccer team. We wish her all the best and hope she is selected.



HEALTHY LUNCHES

Once again, the Student Council's Healthy Lunch program has proven successful. In the first week, over three quarters of the school enjoyed carbonara and garlic bread. This was one of the most successful healthy

lunches since the program was introduced.

As a gentle reminder, students will receive their new order form for that week's item on a Monday. We ask that orders are returned by Thursday, to assist staff in purchasing the necessary ingredients. This week, students will have the pleasure of enjoying Mexican tacos and fried rice next week.



LIBRARY VAN

The library van will be at school on Wednesday 1st of May. Mrs Todd has placed a returns trolley in the foyer of the office. Families can return their borrowed items at any stage by placing them on this

trolley, which will be collected when the library visits next.



BOOKCLUB

Bookclub orders are due back by Friday 3rd, May. Orders can be placed either online through LOOP or simply by returning the order form, found at the back of the catalogue. Orders take approximately 2 weeks to be returned, from the date when orders are due back.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 16th **APRIL, 2024**

STAFF & STUDENTS

Commencing term 2, student enrolments have remained stable with 44 students enrolled across Prep- Year 6.

At the end of last term, we welcomed two student teachers from Griffith University. Brooke Heit and Janine Van Boeschoten are attending their last placement before graduating. Miss Heit is being mentored by myself in the senior classroom, while Miss Van is being mentored by Miss Lane in the junior classroom. Both students have already settled into our school community by taking on classroom roles, teaching lessons and supporting students like

the rest of the staff here at Rathdowney. Their final day will be on Friday the 22nd of May.

Mrs Masen, while our school cleaner actually contributes a lot more to our school community. She is currently on two weeks leave and will return in week 3. Meanwhile, Sorelle and Fern will keep the school glistening in her absence.

I will be away on one week's worth of long service leave starting in week 2. In my absence, Miss Lane will be acting principal. At this stage, I am unsure who will be teaching the senior class.

SPORT

The end of term 1 was a very busy period for sports at Rathdowney. In week 9, the school held its annual Easter swimming carnival. It is a pleasure watching how much

the student's swimming ability improves in such a short amount of time, especially the preps when just building water confidence is a major part of lessons. At the end of the carnival, Cunningham was just too strong and won with a total of 623 points compared to Logan's 355. These points will be collated at the Christmas carnival. The winning house will be awarded the Masen family trophy on concert night. Thank you to not only the staff, but also the volunteers who assisted during the carnival.

On Tuesday the 26th of March, a large portion of our school made the trek over to Darlington to participate in the annual Christmas Creek cross country event. Rathdowney had the greatest number of runners this year, competing in both the official and fun races. The final results will be announced at the athletics carnival later this

term. A number of our students placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd on the day. Colin, Noah P and Mason attended district cross country hosted by Emmaus College this afternoon.

Towards the end of last term, our HPE teacher Mr Stewart approached me with the idea of running a triathlon, which I threw my total support behind. The triathlon was held on the last day of term in conjunction with bike/ scooter day. All those who participated enjoyed the triathlon and hope to do it again. I can see this becoming a Rathdowney tradition in years to come.

Finally, this term athletics will be our big sporting event. The annual Christmas Creek athletics carnival will be held on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th of June, here at our school. To improve our student's performance and outcomes at the carnival, we have used Sporting School grants to acquire a

national athletics coach leading up to the carnival. He will support Mr Stewart during PE lessons, in addition to being present at the carnival. On the Thursday, 9–12-year-olds will compete, with the whole school competing on the Friday.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council ran another successful fund-raising event during term 1. Each Friday they sold ice blocks, with the funds going towards subsidising camp costs. This term, as the weather gets cooler, Student Council will once again be offering healthy lunches on a Friday. Healthy lunches will be prepared by Mrs Reilly each Friday. Order forms will be sent home each Monday and need to be returned by Thursday. This will help with ordering produce for Friday. This week

we start healthy lunches off with the popular choice Carbonara and garlic bread.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

During the holiday, minor works were carried out in the office, hall and cleaning room. Mrs Masen received a new laundry sink, cupboards and storage areas in the cleaning room. With this improvement she is now able to launder her cleaning cloths and other items using the washing machine and dryer here at school.

At the end of last year the school had its school review. Using the results from the review, the staff and I created a strategic plan that the school will work toward achieving over the next four years, in addition to a detailed AIP which outlines the steps we are doing this year to reach these outcomes.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Last term, the men's soccer team utilised the pool facilities in preparation for the upcoming soccer season.

Hillview State School also used the pool on Wednesdays for swimming lessons, provided by Sheryl our school swimming instructor.

The school hall was used during the recent local elections as a polling booth, while during the holidays it was used by a local group for a craft retreat. Thanks to Sorelle who catered on behalf of the P&C over the weekend.

The band students have been busy practicing in the lead up to next week's ANZAC Day commemorations. The band will lead the march, with the rest of the school following in behind them. During the ceremony, the school leaders will lay a wreath.

PROFFESIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Recently, Mrs Wyatt and myself attended a regional reading seminar at Logan Digger's Club. It reenforced that many of the new reading strategies that we have adopted will assist our students reading abilities.

In the coming weeks, Theresa Adermann the school Speechie will be hosting a vocabulary workshop here at school. Staff from neighbouring schools will be invited to come along also.



19.03.2024

Super Spellers 3-6: Billie, Meika, Colin,
Jack H, Noah K, Dustin, Ana, Nikita,
Mason, Michael

26.03.2024

Super Spellers 3-6: Nikita, Kiara,
Amelia, Noak K, Austin



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Dates to Remember April-May 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W K 3	29 Parade	30 Breakfast Club	1 Chappy Break- fast tuckshop: TBA Cakes TBA	2 Breakfast Club	3 Healthy Lunches
W K 4	6 PH MAY DAY	7 Breakfast Club	8 Chappy Break- fast tuckshop: TBA Cakes TBA	9 Breakfast Club	10 Healthy Lunches
W K 5	13 Parade	14 Breakfast Club	15 Chappy Break- fast tuckshop: TBA Cakes TBA	16 Breakfast Club	17 Healthy Lunches
W K 6	20 Parade	21 Breakfast Club	22 Chappy Break- fast tuckshop: TBA Cakes TBA	23 Breakfast Club	24 Healthy Lunches



Rathdowney State School –Tuckshop Price List Term 2 2024

<p>Chicken Burger / Wrap \$4 Crumbed chicken patty with your choice of lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot, cheese, beetroot, pineapple</p>
<p>Toasted Sandwich / Wrap \$3 Topping – Ham, cheese, tomato, pineapple</p>
<p>Pizza - \$3 Cheese, Ham and Cheese, Ham cheese and pineapple</p>
<p>Hot Dog -\$3 Plain hotdog, hotdog with cheese</p>
<p>Pie \$3</p>
<p>Sausage roll \$3</p>
<p>Chicken Nuggets (5) \$3</p>
<p>Milk Poppers \$2 Plain, Chocolate, Strawberry</p>
<p>Juice Popper \$2 Apple, Orange, Tropical</p>
<p>Cakes 50c</p>
<p>Chappy Don's cookies (2) \$1</p>



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	<u>Shirt</u> \$30.00	<u>Shorts</u> \$14.00	<u>Skorts</u> \$16.00
Total Amount <i>Date</i>		<u>EFT Banking Details</u> <i>Rathdowney P & C</i> <i>Account</i> <i>BSB – 064400</i> <i>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

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(Uniform Coordinator) /

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