

# P&C NEWSLETTER

Updates from Russell Lea Public School Parents & Citizens Association

## Dates for your Diary

### Tuesday 14th September

September P&C Meeting via Zoom

### Friday 17th September

Last day of Term 3

### Tuesday 3rd October

Term 4 commences

#### RESCHEDULED EVENTS:

### Friday 29th October

RLPS P&C Raffle Draw

#### EVENTS YET TO BE RESCHEDULED:

P&C Trivia Night, Silent Auction  
School's 90th Anniversary Celebration

#### **EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES THAT COUNT AS LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES - 16 everyday activities:**

1. Cooking and baking
2. Meal planning
3. Budgeting
4. Checking the weather forecast
5. Building with LEGO
6. Playing card games
7. Playing board games
8. Doing puzzles
9. Imaginative play
10. Listening to music / playing instrument
11. Reading
12. Colouring, drawing and painting
13. Listening to podcasts or audiobooks
14. Writing letters or emails
15. Taking a walk
16. Cleaning or doing chores

Source: WeAreTeachers via Maggie Dent

## P&C Voluntary Donations

P&C Voluntary Contributions are noted on Term 1 Invoices each year. This year we introduced tiered payments for siblings in response to parent feedback. Requested amounts are: Sibling 1 - \$60 (100%) / Sibling 2 - \$45 (75%) / Sibling 3 - \$30 (50%) / Sibling 4 - 0. Families have the option to include the voluntary amount with their Term 1 payment or leave it to roll over until the next term's invoice. The P&C Voluntary Contributions fund a large portion of the \$23k Direct School Support the P&C provides the school each year (App licenses, library resources, equipment requirements etc). The remainder is funded through the various fundraising initiatives. With limited opportunities to hold large fundraisers these past two years, we appreciate the voluntary donation payments already made. Thank you! Please do not feel obligated to pay the voluntary contribution if your current circumstances are difficult due to the pandemic.

## AUGUST NEWS

How is everyone going? Week 6 is here so we are over the hump of Term 3 and on the downhill slope to the Spring holidays.

Whilst we won't be able to get away, at least there's a two week break from home learning for our children (and us) to enjoy.

Staying motivated during these times is challenging. I know my two daughters struggle, especially on a Monday morning! We have started doing a Monday morning mix up. The day might start with them reading, then we head out for a walk if my work schedule allows. Eventually the school tasks get done but it is later, when they are feeling ready to focus and engage.

I recently started to follow Maggie Dent on Facebook as any parenting help is welcome! She shared a list of tasks that count as learning opportunities. They are listed on the side panel. Those challenging days may mean that the timetable goes out the window and we do some other activities (wish they would opt for activity 16!). Having a backyard picnic for lunch or just cranking up a tune and pretending you are a contestant on The Voice, can help get through those challenging moments and make the day a bit different. Nobody wants to live like it's Groundhog Day!

### Home Learning Forums

Thank you to the school for coordinating the recent sessions for each stage. They were very beneficial to both parents and teaching staff. Technical issues, google classroom navigation, student feedback, and motivation and engagement challenges were discussed on the Stage 3 and Stage 2 sessions I attended. I understand the Stage 1 and Kindergarten sessions were also very helpful for parents.

As always, the school is there to support families during this home learning phase. Dan Sprange reiterated at our P&C meeting that feedback is welcome, so please keep communicating with the school. Alternatively, I am always up for a chat and can pass on any feedback or just listen. I can be reached by phone 0429 093 971 or email: [narelle.horton@gmail.com](mailto:narelle.horton@gmail.com).



## AUGUST P&C MEETING SUMMARY

Thank you to those who joined via Zoom on Tuesday 10th August. As you would imagine, there is not much happening due to the current health restrictions. However we have some updates to share:

**Raffle Draw Date Confirmed** - whilst we are not able to confirm plans regarding the silent auction and trivia night at this time, we can advise we have agreed to draw the raffle on **Friday 29th October**. We have banked cash for tickets previously sold and have prizes ready to award. We hope this future date allows sufficient time for us to coordinate with families that have sold tickets at home. We understand that many tickets may not be sold due to lockdown but we cannot hold off indefinitely and need to finalise this fundraiser. The P&C Fundraising team will communicate soon how we can manage the safe return of sold tickets. An online raffle ticket option will also be launched to help facilitate this. Look out for further information on this very soon!

**Wellbeing Programs for Students / Families** - discussion regarding what the P&C can sponsor this year to help students and families. Previously, we have organised Cyber Safety sessions and other educational workshops. A preference to wait until it can be held face to face rather than virtually, was expressed by P&C members. We also discussed fun things to do to bring the community together and Dan has already organised geocaching. See the recent SkoolBag post for details.

**Father Day Stall** - unfortunately we will not be able to hold a stall this year. Sorry kids! We know you enjoy shopping for gifts for dad.

We can't help every child purchase a gift for Father's Day but would like to offer one lucky student a Fathers' Day gift pack for their dad. To obtain this gift pack, **we are looking for the best but worst, groan-worthy, bad dad joke!** Entries can be emailed in for judging or submitted to the office if attending school. All dad jokes will be shared so we can all enjoy a laugh.

My dad invented a pencil with two erasers.  
It was pointless.

**FATHER'S DAY COMPETITION**

**BEST (WORST) DAD JOKE**

**WINS A FATHER'S DAY PACK**

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BY **FRIDAY 27TH AUGUST**

Why are elevator jokes so good?  
Because they work on so many levels.