



NEWSLETTER



Misa enjoying her gifts from the P&C!



Mrs Lesley Pike being presented with her badge for 40+ year of service to RL.



Term 2, July Newsletter

We are half-way through the year already and it's hard to believe! Mid-year school reports will be out this week – you'll notice the introduction of comments following every KLA. The school would welcome your feedback on this change.

I hope you all enjoy a truly restful and rejuvenating break over the July holidays, and see you in Term 3!

Jacqui Manning - P&C President

News from the last P&C Meeting:

We had a few celebrations and acknowledgments to cover:

- A thank you spa voucher was presented to Ebony Russell for the time, effort and skill she has put in to create the wonderfully colourful portrait wall in our current playground. We are so lucky and are working on a way to make it more permanent.
- We were proud to present Dan Sprange with a gift for his gorgeous newborn baby girl Misa, which has been why he has been working less days for a few weeks this term. Congratulations Dan!
- Lesley Pike attended the meeting to proudly receive her 'Lifetime P&C Member' badge which was awarded for her continual and significant 40+ years of dedicated service to the Russell Lea Community. Thank you Mrs Pike!
- Teachers Morning Tea – it was agreed to provide a thank you morning tea on July 1st for all of our admin staff and teachers and executive to thank them for their tireless energy and commitment in ensuring our children have remained in a happy and thriving learning environment during a most testing time for them with the move at the beginning of term and all the settling in issues they have experienced (some of which are ongoing!).
- Mrs G reported that RLPS was awarded a Canada Bay sustainability grant of \$1000! The gardening group will hopefully start in Term 3. If you can help volunteer, please talk to Mrs G.



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Other news

- You will have received a separate communication on Skoolbag about raising funds for air conditioning for the staff admin block, so I won't repeat the detail here. At the last meeting the P&C agreed it was of great importance to have the goal of raising funds to install air conditioning in the admin block or it won't happen.
- Parking continues to be a concern – a reminder to please adhere to the signage around our school at all times. The drop-off zone is of particular concern as it has been reported that parents/carers are leaving their vehicles and going more than 3 metres away, even entering the school, and also parking for over the 2 minute limit. Council rangers are and will continue to visit. To ensure the flow of the school please respect the parking rules. There is plenty of parking on Barnstaple Rd and Brent St which is only a few minutes walk from the school gate.
- Mr Sprange has indicated there is consideration to introduce interactive Mandarin classes in Term 3 via a live link. There may be a demonstration at the next P&C meeting.
- The new uniform had a hugely positive response from the parent feedback forms, with over 80% of parents happy with the changes. As soon as they are available to order, we will put a note out on Skoolbag.
- The School Canteen is looking at some changes to be more environmental and the following will be implemented in Term 3: no single use plastic soy sauce vials to be used (there will be a bottle of soy sauce to use at the canteen) and no plastic cutlery. Bamboo cutlery will be available to purchase, or parents can pack their own cutlery – reusable plastic, melamine or bamboo.
- The school yearbook will now align with what other primary schools do and be a Year 6 Graduation Yearbook.
- Efforts and discussions are being had to get a School Choir up and running either before or after school – which is (happily!) a challenge with other classes going on. There was lots of goodwill from the P&C Community and the majority agreed they would be happy to pay for the choir. Stay tuned for more.
- The "In The Spotlight" Dance festival at the Seymour Centre was such a wonderful experience to be a part of. Our dancers – 'Freedom Hair' & 'Magical Toys' did us so proud and there were so many moving and skilled performances from a wide range of different public primary and high schools.



Our thank you morning tea to our wonderful RL staff was very warmly received. Thank you to our magical helpers for setting up such a beautiful feast for our hard-working staff!



THANK YOU CLUB FIVE DOCK RSL!

Club Five Dock RSL have kindly donated towards our School Fete (see below) and have these fabulous offers coming up!

Kids Eat Free Monday Nights

Kids Bingo - 18th July

Kids Jitterbugs Disco – 19th July

UPCOMING.....

SCHOOL FETE – we're back!! November 2nd 2019. Detailed information from the Fete Coordinators to come.

The next P&C meeting will be held at 7.30pm Tuesday 13th August. All welcome!

Night of the Arts – all dance classes, junior and senior band and string ensemble performances. Date TBC in Term 3.