



# NEWSLETTER

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY**

#### **FEDERAL ELECTION DAY**

*Our school will be a polling booth so please tell your friends and neighbours to come and see our new school and enjoy a sausage and/or cake while they vote! All proceeds will go to the P&C, so arrive hungry!*

***We will need some helpers for the day to run the BBQ and Cake Stall, so please sign up for an hour or two at this link:***

***<https://signup.com/go/fPjbUxw>***

***Many of our wonderful parents who work full-time tell me they'd like to help out more, so this is a really good chance to get involved and help our school!***

*If you have any trouble signing up, email Narelle and/or myself at*

*[narelle.horton@gmail.com](mailto:narelle.horton@gmail.com) or*

*[jacquimanning@hotmail.com](mailto:jacquimanning@hotmail.com)*

#### **DONATIONS FOR CAKE STALL**

*All families will be asked to make something for the cake stall. Slices, muffins, biscuits and cupcakes work well, whole cakes can be sliced up. Cake boxes will be available from the office.*

*Donations can be dropped to the Canteen Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.*

For any feedback please email me  
Jacqui Manning – (Geli 5/6N and Millie 3/4T)  
at [jacquimanning@hotmail.com](mailto:jacquimanning@hotmail.com)

## Term 2, May 2019

We made it! After many years of planning and preparation, we finally got to move into our brand-new school, and I hope you and your children are all enjoying settling in. How lucky are we?! My children were super-excited after their first day as I'm sure many were, chatting about the wobbly stools, the beautiful views, the whiteboard desks, couches, beanbags, comfy break-out spaces, and The Cloud - the upstairs open-air chill out zone which has panoramic views of the bay and city (over the railing) and grassy beanbags and play equipment – I hope the parents get to relax there sometimes too, and weather permitting it could be a lovely venue for the odd P&C meeting!

I loved seeing the amazing Aboriginal artwork by Adam Hills come to life, filling the COLA roof – this fantastic work will be further enhanced through the year by having an outline of our Bay laser-cut into it which will enable us to do special lighting schemes and will even mark out our school, signifying our place in the community.

I'm looking forward to the many wonderful school events we will enjoy over the years in our impressive hall with its' wooden finishes.

Once our grounds are fully landscaped and the COLA opens up, and the concreting is finished (with hopefully some added colour), we can feel blessed that we truly have one of the best schools in the country!

I'd like to say a special thank you to our Year 6 parents and students who have kept their faith in Russell Lea through the years and have been the ones to pave the way to our school becoming K-6. It's not always been easy riding with the delays and uncertainties, and it's so wonderful to see the school now come to fruition along with the many new opportunities for our loyal senior families.

As with any move there will be the inevitable teething issues, but I'd like to say a thank you to Dan Sprange and all the teachers for helping the transition be so positive for our kids.

## CALLOUT FOR HELPERS!

### UNIFORM SHOP

As you can imagine there has been lots to do in our first days in the new school, so your patience is appreciated with the running of the Uniform Shop. Logistics are still being worked out, and a huge thanks to our wonderful coordinators Lauren Phillips and Michelle Foley.

We still need helpers for Tuesday and Friday morning. If you think you can help, please contact Lauren (Amelia 3/4J) if you can help: [louienelson@hotmail.com](mailto:louienelson@hotmail.com) or 0409 441 269.

### PLAYGROUP for pre-schoolers

Thank you to Monica Nikua (mum to Moana in Year 3) for putting her hand up to coordinate Playgroup, hopefully with some help from Jacinta Stephan (Beau 1/2E). There will be more information to come but Playgroup is likely to be on Friday mornings.

For more information please email Monica on [monikua@bigpond.com](mailto:monikua@bigpond.com)

### CLUBS

Dancing and Band have started again, with Dance Classes being held in The Cloud, and Band in the 'Boardroom' on Level One.

Following successful shows at the Easter Show and the Fox Studios Family Show days, further congratulations go to the dance groups 'Toys' and 'Hair' who both made it to the Spotlight Dance Festival which will be held at the Seymour Centre in June. With 293 applicants our kids can be very proud!! A HUGE thanks to Danielle who has worked so hard with our kids, and it's wonderful for her to find them these opportunities.

Stay tuned for an 'Evening with the Arts' to christen our new school hall soon!

## Russell Lea Public School P&C



### Upcoming Events

Due to the Federal Election on the 18<sup>th</sup> May (see side panel for more info) the 'School-warming' indoors picnic will be held on **Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> from 3pm – 5pm**. It will be a low-key afternoon tea, tea and coffee will be provided as well as some snacks for the kids, and BYO plate if you like for an afternoon tea. We will be using the COLA and The Cloud, and we will have some access to some classrooms for those parents who haven't had a chance to see the new learning environment yet.

### Thank You

A huge thank you to our social committee coordinator Laura Woodall for organising the morning tea for the Easter Hat Parade and Grandfriends Day. It was very exciting to use our brand new canteen for the first time and with no time to learn our new space, Laura and her helpers (thank you to all!) had to think quickly on their feet to provide a lovely morning.

### Other News

**Mother's Day Stall** will be held on Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup> – thanks to Wendy Shih for organising some wonderful gifts for our children to buy, and to her helpers for helping the stall run smoothly.

**Art Club** is running again in Term 2 – there will be an afternoon class for K/Year 1 students on Mondays and an Open Class on Wednesday mornings from 7:30am – 9am – for more information email Ebony on [ebony.postma@gmail.com](mailto:ebony.postma@gmail.com)