



NEWSLETTER

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 26 March

*Purple Day - Raising Epilepsy Awareness
Student led initiative - wear something
purple, optional donation*

Friday 5 April

*RLPS celebrates Harmony Day (from
9:30am) School managed event - details to
follow (Dance performances led by Mr V
from each class in costume, plus
international foods to be brought & shared)*

Sunday 14 April

*Invitation for school to join the local ANZAC
march in Five Dock. Info from school to come*

Tuesday 30 April

First day of Term 1 (in our new building, yay!)

Friday 3 May

*Easter Hat Parade and Grandfriends Day
(from 9:30am) School managed event - more
details to follow*

Saturday 18 May

*'School-warming' picnic – casual picnic to
celebrate moving into the new school.
BYO plate and fun attitude!*

**ART EXHIBITION featuring our own art
teacher Ebony Russell - THERE ARE
THINGS WE LIVE AMONG**

March 24th- 29th March, 10am-1pm
TEK MINIMAL 518 Paramatta Rd,
Petersham Sydney 2046
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For any feedback please email me
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Term 1, March 2019

The move to the new school is imminent and I hope you are all as excited as me about what an amazing opportunity our kids, teachers and community have been given to make our school an even more wonderful place. Bring on Term 2!

Events

Extensive discussions were held during the meeting about the best way to balance our 2019 P&C Events and Celebrations while dealing with factors such as the unknown new environment, removal of our temporary school and landscaping phase.

The P&C felt that this year we would focus on a mix of fund-raising to keep our bank balance healthy, and providing events as a 'thank you' to our school and the wider community for getting through the build.

Here's what was decided:

Fete-not-fete – a scaled down version of the Fete in late Term 3 to be held to showcase our new school to the new community and have some fun! This will have highlights of the Fete such as food and cake stalls, chocolate wheel giveaways, silent auction, some of the simpler fun games for the kids (not the major rides), and we can involve our students in showcasing some of the 'goings-on' at Russell Lea. Our 'Celebrating Russell Lea Day' is yet to be named.

Movie night – a relaxed fun event for our school community only.

School Disco – committee are currently deciding whether to do a Winter Wonderland event or our traditional Christmas fun – stay tuned!

Fun Run – it was decided to have these every two years, so our next one will be in 2020.

'School-warming' indoors picnic – a low-key BYO plate event will be held on Saturday May 18th for a chance to get to know our new school.

CALLOUT FOR HELPERS!

UNIFORM SHOP

Our wonderful volunteers (Lauren Phillips and Michelle Foley) need 4 people to help them fulfil the orders for uniforms.

Please contact Lauren (Amelia 3/4J) if you can help: louienelson@hotmail.com or 0409 441 269.

PLAYGROUP for pre-schoolers

We have run a wonderful playgroup in the past which provides a community service as well as helps prospective Russell Lea children get used to the school before they start Kindergarten. We are currently without a coordinator and therefore don't have a playgroup. From Term 2 we will have space to run it outdoors or indoors, and there is plenty of equipment to use to make it fun for the kids. If you can help (or know someone who could, such as a grandparent) or would like to know more, please contact me on jacquimanning@hotmail.com

FETE-not-Fete / CELEBRATION DAY

We are looking for Coordinators and volunteers to help run our Celebration Day (Fete-not-fete) at the end of Term 3, so please contact our Event Coordinators now to register your interest – with an event like this the joy is in our whole school coming together to create an excellent day for our kids. Please email livia.sendelbeck@gmail.com and/or marisa.zammit@icloud.com ASAP

HAPPY BIRTHDAY RLPS!

In 2021 Russell Lea turns 90 years old! Mrs G is looking to form a committee by next year so we can plan ahead for a wonderful series of celebrations and trips down memory lane. Please contact the school if you can help.

Russell Lea Public School P&C



Other News

- **Parent Contact Database** – A huge thanks goes out to Narelle Horton (Emily 3/4T & April 1/2MY) for compiling and collating this invaluable resource. This task takes many hours to complete, and we all benefit from having the parent directory close at hand, so I'd like to say a MASSIVE thank you to Narelle from me and the whole school community for her hard work.
- **Class Parents** have been allocated and this year it will be a simpler role. All communications from the P&C will come out via a central email address (for outgoing information only, please do not respond), not the CP's. CP's will be responsible for organising any social class/year events, buying the teacher Xmas gift, and setting up a WhatsApp class group if desired.
- We kindly request that with WhatsApp, the tone of the conversations remain neutral and specific comments about teachers, students or other parents be avoided. As with all social media, please be aware that things can be taken out of context so remaining respectful to others is important. If anyone has an issue or concern, it is best taken offline and discussed directly with the teacher/school/P&C Executive.
- Uniforms – there have been problems with the suppliers of the sports shirts but we are expecting a delivery in the next few days & orders will be fulfilled ASAP. Thanks for your patience!

Upcoming

From Term 2, a note about Art Club days and classes will go out via Skoolbag and email with details on how to book in. P&C funded Scope IT classes will run again from Term 2 once they have a space to use.

Year 6 – transition to High School support workshops are currently being discussed and how the P&C can be of best support – stay tuned.

A huge congratulations to all our Zone Swimming team participants, it was an outstanding day with Russell Lea coming 2nd on proportional scores! A special mention to Audrey Mak, Elizabeth Allan and the Junior Girls relay team (Jessica Bell, Audrey Mak, Elizabeth Allan & Sophie Law) who came second and made it through to regionals!! Good luck girls!!!

