

Russell Lea
PUBLIC SCHOOL



Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6 Friday 20 November 2020

Important Dates

Please refer to our website calendar for a full list of 2020 school dates

November 25-26

Year 6 Zoo Overnight

December 3

K-2 Excursion to movie

December 4

Dance Concert

December 7

Presentation Day 3-6

December 11

Presentation Day K-2

Reports sent home

December 14

Year 6 Fun Day

December 16

Last day of Term 4

Leaders Making A Difference

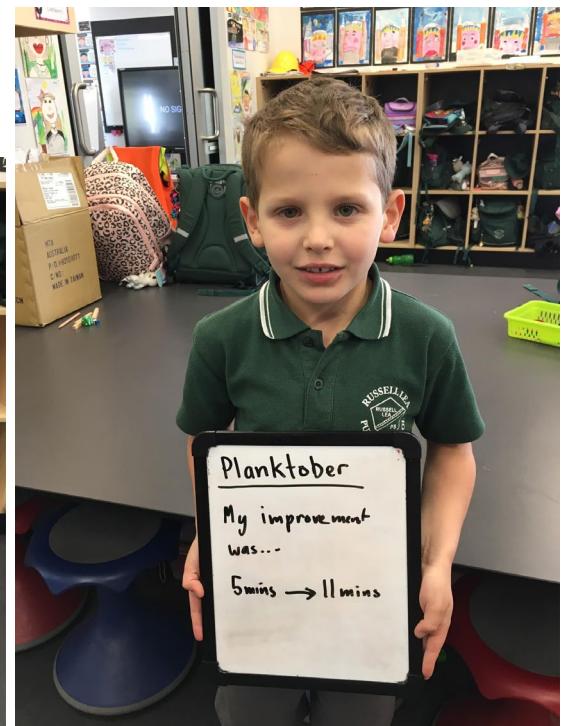
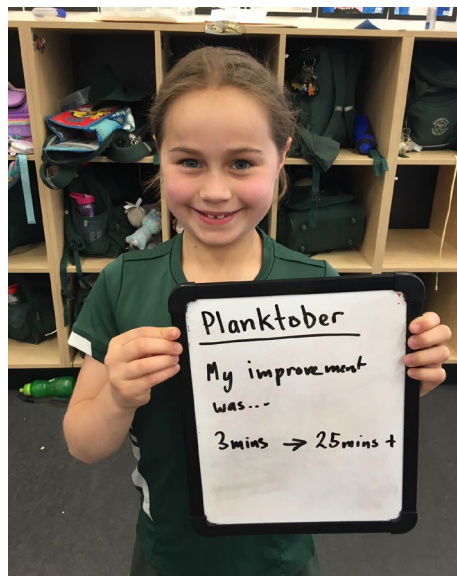
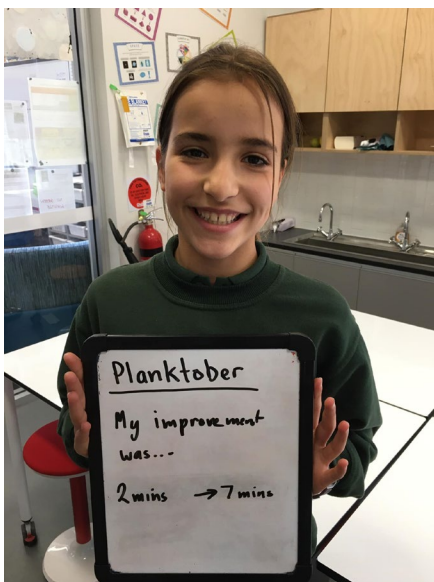
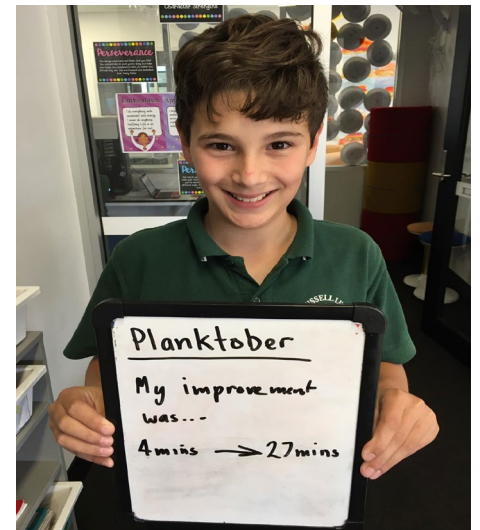
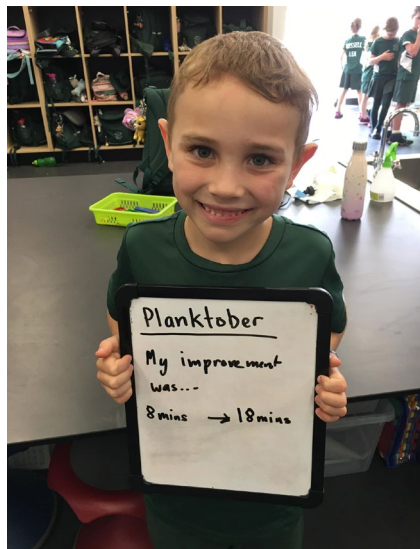
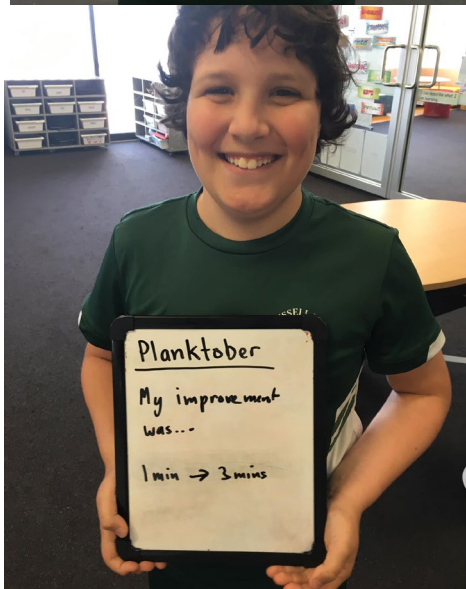
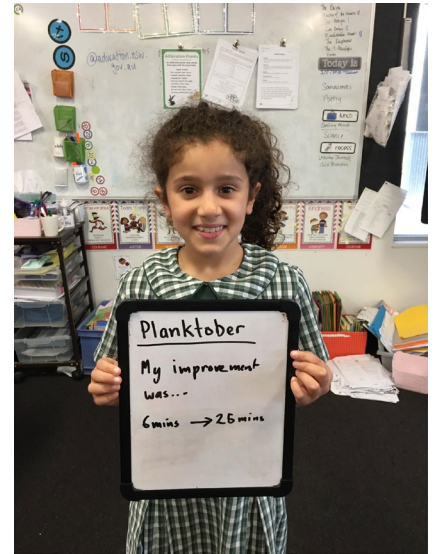
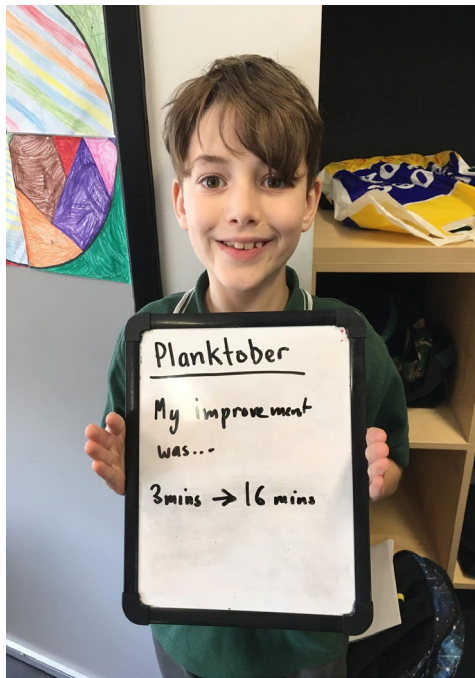
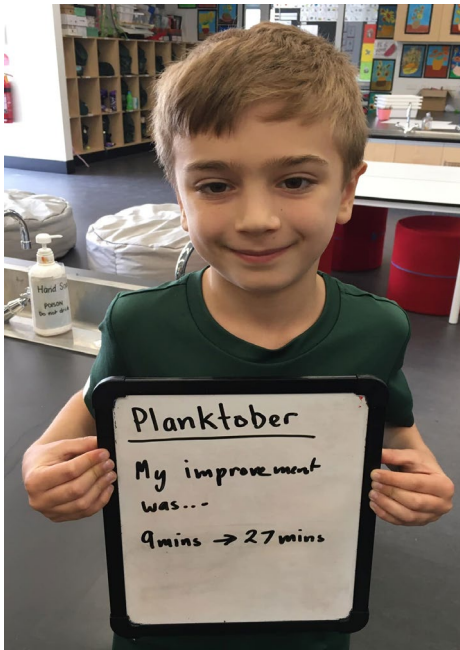
At Russell Lea we value leadership which brings out the best in everyone. We work with students so they can use their influence to contribute to a brighter future. Our students are learning to initiate change and connect people, ideas and resources to produce opportunities which would not exist without their leadership. A small group of Stage 1 students have exemplified these ideas through a leadership project which resulted in food resources being delivered to the Wayside Chapel. This food will be distributed to people who have been homeless or are at risk of being homeless. We are very proud of their leadership and other recent examples including Friendship Club, the Tie-dye project and the Cup Cake stall. All leadership is a work in progress and we look forward to working together to make a difference in 2021.

Dan Sprange
Principal



Community Is Our Core

Our students embraced the challenge of Planktober. With hard work and encouragement from friends and family they worked together to raise close to \$1,000. Perhaps more importantly they learnt about the potential within themselves and our community. Well done Rocco and Anna who were able to plank for over 27 minutes and to the students who achieved incredible improvement throughout October. Some powerful lessons learnt about working hard to achieve your best.



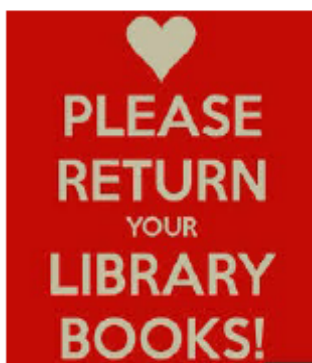
Change To School Hours 2021

As you may be aware parents were surveyed on potential changes to school start and finish times in 2019. The majority of respondents nominated 9am to 3pm as their preferred school hours. This figure remained at 50-60% throughout the online survey window. The option to retain the current hours was 30-40% throughout the survey and the remainder recorded a preference for 8:45am-2:45pm hours of operation. Due to the closeness of the survey result and some anomalies during the data collection process it was agreed the hours of operation would be reviewed again in 2020.

The 2020 survey was completed this term with a choice of the current hours or a 9am start and 3pm finish. No survey anomalies were observed and the results were again close. The majority of respondents (56%) voted to change the hours to a 9am start and a 3pm finish. Those wishing to retain the current hours made up 43% and the remainder had no preference.

Given the consistent result between surveys the decision has been made to change our hours of operation from the beginning of 2022 to a 9am start and 3pm finish. In 2021 the hours will remain the same, providing a year of certainty to families who enrolled with the current hours. The transition year will give each family time to make changes to care arrangements including before and after school care.

Borrowing from the Library



The borrowing of books from our Library has now ceased for 2020.

The stocktake of our books is a huge task and preparations have already commenced. Please assist by reminding your child to return all Library books next week. Books can end up in the strangest of places, so if your child has misplaced a book, please encourage him/her to have a really good look for it.

eBooks

Some wonderful news!



I have organised a subscription to Wheelers' eBook platform. This means that our students will have access to nearly 2000 eBooks in the school collection. The borrowing of these eBooks can commence immediately, which is great news, as the borrowing of Library hard copies has now ceased. The Christmas holiday break is also nearing, which is a great time to get immersed in a good book!

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Lest We Forget

Our student leaders led our Remembrance Ceremony last week. It was the first official use of our new flag pole and Rosemary Garden. All students acknowledged the occasion with appropriate care and reflection.

