



*Russell Lea*  
PUBLIC SCHOOL



## Newsletter

Term 3, Week 4 Friday 14 August 2020

## Important Dates

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

September 25

Last day of Term 3

October 12

First day of Term 4

December 16

Last day of Term 4

## Student Leaders Making A Difference



We see great hope in the leadership demonstrated by our students. They are creative, visionary and empathetic. The quality of ideas continues to impress as does the skill with which each idea is implemented. The students pictured above managed to design a process and lead our community to make a difference for clients of the Wayside Chapel. They created fun 'decorate a rock' craft activities which students were able to engage in after making a food donation. Students participated enthusiastically. They proudly donated a large number of items and creatively painted many rocks over three days. We thank our leaders for their vision and the way they have made the world a better place with their leadership.

Dan Sprange  
Principal



### Athletics Carnival and PSSA 2020

Due to COVID restrictions PSSA and our annual Athletics Carnival have been cancelled. Schools have been instructed to avoid running any event which includes parents. Given RLPS is very reliant on parent helpers and SportsPro we did not think it was viable to run the Athletics Carnival without parent help, or at cost, without parents having the chance to attend. We will run a mini event locally to give students a chance to compete and be active. In place of PSSA an inter-house soccer/netball competition has been running each Friday. Students are enjoying representing their house and enjoying friendly competition.



## Procedures for student use of mobile phones at RLPS

It is not necessary for most students to bring a phone to school. Children are often exposed to many hours of screen time each day and school provides an important opportunity for students to have periods of downtime from screen devices. Direct parent communication with students during the school day is only required in emergency situations. In these instances contact can be made in the usual way by contacting the school office.

### Purpose of this procedure

- To provide clear guidelines for students and parents regarding the use and possession of mobile phones at RLPS.
- To ensure the privacy and safety of all students is not compromised.
- To ensure learning time is not adversely affected by mobile phone use.

### Guidelines

- Students who bring a phone to school must not access it during school hours unless instructed to by their teacher to support learning activities.
- Students must keep their phones switched off and in their school bags throughout the school day.
- Students are not permitted to use their phone to film, record or communicate with others unless this is specifically requested as part of class learning activities.
- Students must not lend their phone to others and are responsible for how it is used within the school.
- Students bring mobile phones to school at their own risk. The school and school staff members will not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to mobile phones or for investigating loss or damage.

### Specific Guidelines for phone use during excursions

- Mobile phones can be taken on excursions only if the excursion permission note indicates phones are permitted.
- For most excursions only devices owned by the school will be used by students. This ensures students have equal access to technology and are protected from devices that have unrestricted network coverage.
- Any mobile phones that are used on excursions will be used in a way that do not breach the guidelines described above.
- Phones may be used to record events on the excursion, however, students are not permitted to take photographs of other students without their permission. At no time are photographs taken of other students permitted to be uploaded onto the internet, including social media applications and websites. These photographs are for personal record and memories of the excursion only.
- During the excursion, students will not be permitted to communicate with their peers and/or with other friends or family members using their phone. Any communication needed will be through the excursion coordinator via the school office.

These procedures apply equally to the use of all other portable computer games, iPads, iPods and similar devices.

## Circuits and Electricity Incursion

On Thursday Stage 3 participated in a circuits and electricity incursion. Students were given low voltage electrical circuit kits and the opportunity to make circuits which performed various functions. Working in teams students used conductors to complete the circuit and connect various functions with switches.



## St John First Aid Course

At RLPS we encourage students to lead and take initiative. Leni and Elizabeth have demonstrated both these qualities with their First Aid Course Project. During COVID they thought it would be good for RLPS students to gain skills and understanding in basic First Aid. After working with them to refine their plan they wrote the following words to explain the project:

We have organized a first aid course for Stage 2 students.

### What is it?

It is a first aid course dedicated to Stage 2 students. It includes learning CPR, the recovery position, asthma, poisons and stings.

### Why are we doing it?

To help our fellow students in an emergency and to prevent accidents.

### Do you have to come?

It is not compulsory to come but it will help you in your future life.

The date for this free event will be communicated to Stage 2 when the booking is made.





# Education

## Check-in assessment Year 3 and Year 5

Dear parents and carers,

Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in a new reading and numeracy check-in assessment in Term 3, 2020.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor Year 3/5 student learning following the period of learning from home.

The Check-in assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

- The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 5 students from 17 August to 4 September 2020.
- The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 3\* students from 21 September to 23 October 2020

Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment that they would normally receive in the classroom.


### Head Phones

Students will be asked to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. Earbuds used for mobile phones or other portable devices may be suitable for use during the assessment. The type of computer connection needed is a jack or USB. If your child needs earbuds please advise the school.

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