



Russell Lea
PUBLIC SCHOOL



Newsletter

Term 4 Week 2 Friday 15 October 2021

Important Dates

Please refer to our website calendar for a full list of 2021 school dates

October 18

Kindergarten and Year 1 return to on site learning.

October 25

All students return to on site learning.

A Strong Community

With our youngest students returning to on site learning on Monday it is a good time to reflect on the strengths displayed by our school community over the past four months.

Our teachers have adapted, negotiated and worked tirelessly through the challenges presented. Their desire to ensure student wellbeing and learning was preserved meant constant problem-solving and personalised support for students and families in need. They miss school too and the return to school will bring them much joy. The calm and welcoming approach by our office team was the perfect antidote to the anxiety of the pandemic. Their work behind the scenes has kept everyone gently moving forward.

Our parents have been working overtime, many on the frontline. Being a teacher and a parent simultaneously is very demanding, with many parents logging back into office work after their children have gone to bed, juggling deadlines with the needs of young children. Teachers make learning look easy, but it is harder than it looks, especially when working with your own child. We thank our parents for trusting our plans, providing productive feedback and persevering with the challenge of teaching and learning. Your kind words and generous gifts kept our staff buoyant and strong.

Our students have shown great bravery, zest and perseverance with home learning. They also demonstrated incredible adaptability and kindness. As the lockdown dragged on and mental health struggles began to emerge many students took it upon themselves to connect, support and bring hope. They set up Zoom groups to ensure everyone kept in touch, students and teachers were flooded with random acts of kindness and in some cases spontaneous deliveries of sweet treats. Their online antics ensured hours of home learning were punctuated with lighter moments and positive connection. The character of our student leaders shone through as the lockdown continued. Displaying incredible empathy and creativity they devised the various initiatives to keep everyone connected, stimulated and hopeful.

We are grateful for the strength of our school community and thank you for helping us through what we trust was the most difficult period of the pandemic.

Dan Sprange
Principal

Creative and Sports Day

Despite a challenging year our P&C President and the team have been working hard to ensure our school has the best of everything. As well as supporting the wellbeing of the school community during COVID our P&C has been generously organizing and buying school resources including staging, sound equipment, signage and classroom resources. We are looking forward to sharing these resources as we transition to on site learning. We thank our parents for their generosity and time in bringing these resources to RLPS.



Selective High School Year 7 2023

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2023, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

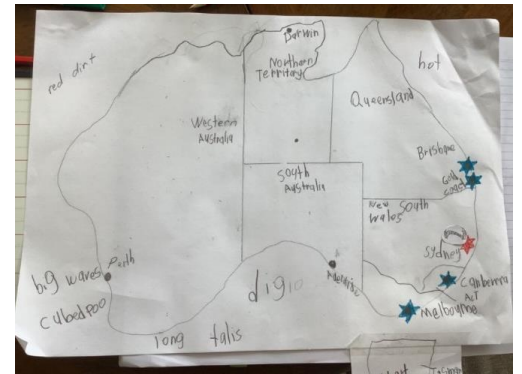
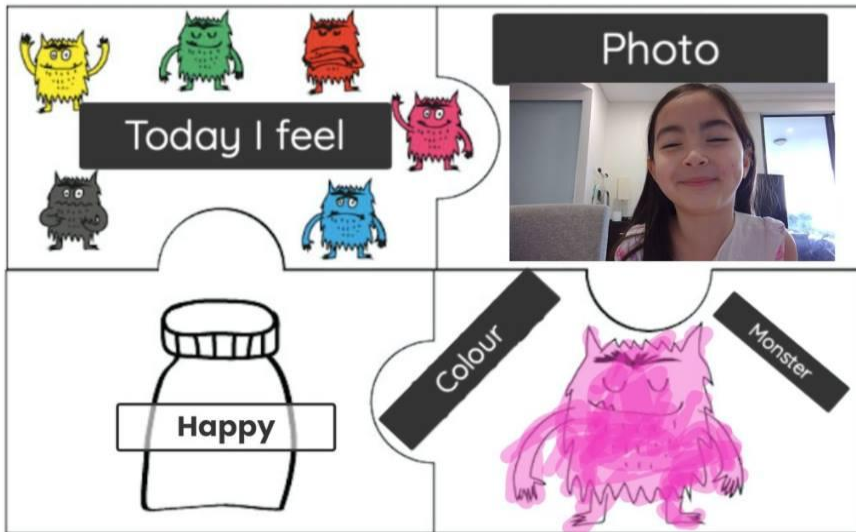
The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 10 March 2022.

Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form will be available in early-October 2021 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

Applications open on 19 October 2021 and close on 17 November 2021. You must apply before the closing date. You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Kindergarten Home Learning

Kindergarten made the most of Week 10 making robots, learning about volume, writing about a holiday destination (remember that?), online library learning and a making a 12 ring paper chain to represent the months of the year.



I Can Find Adjectives Around Me!

round



long



toy



square



short



large



New Check In Process

A single School Visitor Check-in system for every school across the state is coming from 18 October!

The Department of Education has partnered with Service NSW to provide a streamlined, digital school sign-in system for visitors and contractors at every NSW government school.

Benefits of the new system include:


- Accelerating your check-ins to as fast as 20 seconds!
- Linked to NSW Health's COVID-19 contact tracing ensuring every school is compliant with the NSW COVID-19 mandate.[External link](#)
- Giving every school greater access to streamlined NSW Government services.

Watch our short parent video[External link](#) to see how it works for parents or our contractor video[External link](#).

Who can use School Visitor check-in

- Visitors such as parents and carers, contractors, service providers and volunteers.
- Students or visitors under the age of 18 are not required to use School Visitor Check-in.

School Visitor Check-in will be ready from 18 October at all NSW Government schools. For more information visit [School Visitor Check-in](#) on the department website.

 **NSW Department of Education**

School Visitor Check-in



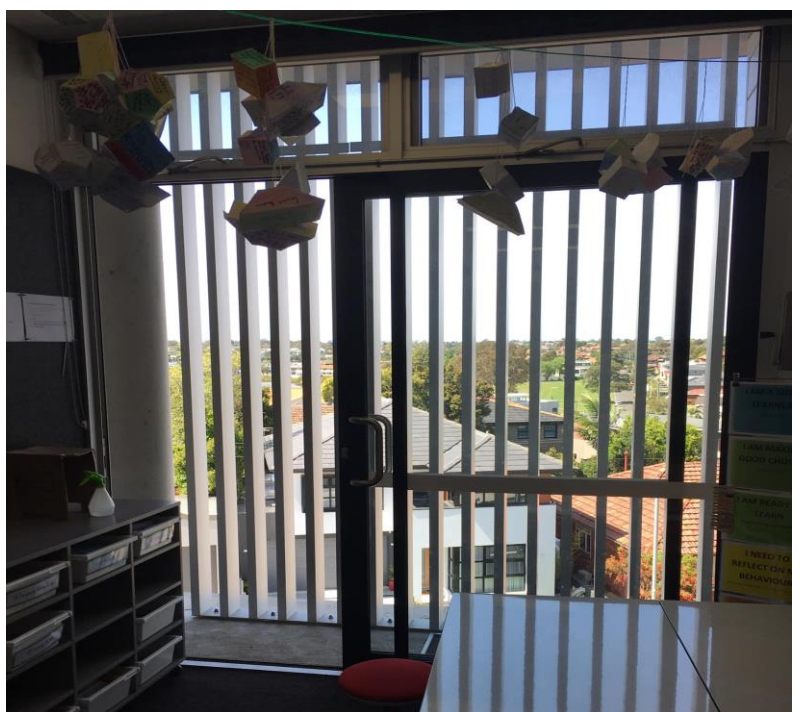
All visitors and contractors are required to check-in at the front office at all times.

Classroom Ventilation and COVID Safety

There has been significant discussion in the media about how classroom airspace will be maintained at safe levels once students return to school. The Education Department has sought independent advice of Steenson Varming, a specialist mechanical engineering consultant, and further advice from NSW Health, the Doherty Institute and the World Health Organisation. Our school has also been audited to understand the ventilation and floorspace arrangements.

The report and health advice confirms that using fresh air to ventilate is preferable over any other filtration system and the audit confirms that our building has sufficient natural ventilation. Even on a still day, our building allows sufficient ventilation to operate safely and to meet the recommended ventilation guidance from the World Health Organisation (WHO). Our learning spaces can continue to be used provided windows open are open to provide natural ventilation with fresh air. Administration and support spaces will be restricted to 1 person per 4m² as ventilation is less in these areas. Airconditioning systems will be used as normal however as these do not bring fresh air into each learning space windows will remain open.

We will also monitor carbon dioxide levels with CO₂ monitors to ensure the theory within the reports and audit is working in practice. We will aim for CO₂ levels which match the ambient levels.





SCAN ME

DRUMMOYNE SWIMMING CLUB

**JOIN US FOR
A FREE
TRIAL**

**RACING: SATURDAYS
@ 7:30 AM (STARTING 30 OCT).**

**JUNIOR SQUADS: TUESDAYS
AND THURSDAYS @ 6:00 AM**

**ADULT SQUADS: MONDAYS,
WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS**

@ 6:00 AM

**SQUADS ARE FREE FOR MEMBERS
ALL LEVELS WELCOME**

RACE AT YOUR PACE!

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SUMMER SEASON

Drummoyne Swimming Club, founded in 1904, is one of the oldest swimming clubs in Australia.

Our club meets every Saturday morning in summer at Drummoyne Swimming Centre and runs free weekly squads for juniors and adult members. We are a family club and cater for all ages and standards of swimmers, ranging from toddlers to grandparents. We use a unique handicap system so everyone has a chance to win a race!

Season schedule

Saturday Racing	7:30 – 10:30 AM	Handicap and Championship races 20m to 800m October through to March Races start at 7:30 sharp. Arrive early to park and get ready so you don't miss your race!
Junior Squads (Lanes 1 and 2)	6:00 – 7:00 AM	Tuesday and Thursday Free for members All levels of swimmers welcome Squads are run by experienced coaches
Adult Squads (Lanes 1 and 2)	6:00 – 7:00 AM	Monday, Wednesday and Friday (5:30) Free for members All levels of swimmers welcome

Important information

Our **website** (www.drummoyneswimclub.com.au) is the best place to find information about; club news, the racing calendar, how to register, results, race rules and club merchandise.

Want news and information in your inbox – sign up to join our mailing list on the contact page of our website (<https://drummoyneswimclub.com.au/contact/>)

Find us on Social Media:

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/DrummoyneSwimmingClub>

Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/drummoyneswimclub/>

Twitter <https://twitter.com/drumswimclub>

Team App

We use Team App to register swimmers for events and races. All swimmers and spectators should sign-in in advance using the club's Team App site before coming to swimming. To join our Team App site, simply download Team App on your smart phone, search for Drummoyne Swimming Club and become a member. You can also access Team App via the web: www.teamapp.com.



WWW.DRUMMOYNESWIMCLUB.COM.AU
DRUMMOYNE SWIMMING CENTRE
1P HENLEY MARINE DRIVE, DRUMMOYNE

Registration and fees

Registration is via Swimming Australia's Swim Central website (<https://swimcentral.swimming.org.au/>). Create a login (or find your old one) and search for "Drummoyne Swimming Club". NSW Govt. ACTIVE KIDS vouchers can be redeemed online!

Fees excludes pool entry	Standard Fee	Family Concession Fee
	Applies to 1 st x 3 family members	Applies to 4th and further members
State Competition Swimmer	\$120.00	\$15 discount applied at checkout.
Club Swimmer	\$100.00	
Second claim members (already a member of another club)	\$60.00	
Squad only swimmers	\$60.00	
Non-swimmer (spectator / Supporter)	\$30.00	
Life members	\$0.00	\$0.00

Free Trial – join us for a free trial one Saturday morning. If you like it you can then join up.

COVID-19

As a community sport we must comply with NSW Government rules about COVID-19. All swimmers and spectators are required to comply with the club's COVID Safety Plan and venue rules. In a nutshell our COVID-Safety Plan is:

Have fun, but... be safe and protect others! Arrive ready to swim; Register your attendance using Team App (swimmers and spectators – parents and caregivers only); Get in, Swim, Get out; Follow social distancing rules; Sanitise and wash your hands; Minimise use of the amenities; Don't share equipment, food or drinks and go home when you're done.

Please don't come to swimming if you're sick or if you've been to a designated hot spot within the timelines shown in the NSW Govt. guidelines.

Support for the club

We're a community club run by volunteers - swimmers and parents. Registration fees only cover some of our costs. We survive and thrive with support from generous organisations who share our love of swimming and our community spirit. Please visit our website to learn about organisations that assist us and support them if you can. We're always seeking new sponsors and donations. If you think you can help, please feel free to reach out.

Contact details

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"The best place to spend Saturday morning in the known universe." Arthur