



*Russell Lea*  
PUBLIC SCHOOL



## Newsletter

Term 2 Week 4 Friday 14 May 2021

## Important Dates

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

May 17

Stage 2 Music Incursion

May 18

Stage 3 Music Incursion  
National Simultaneous Storytime

May 19

Athletics Carnival

May 26

Zone Cross Country

May 26-28

Stage 3 Camp

June 2

Open Day

June 25

Last day Term 2



### Parent Partnerships

Our School Improvement Plan involves teachers collaborating around, and implementing, best practice methods to lift student achievement. In teams teachers examine best practice for a specific curriculum area and track student growth as the new practices are implemented. Our improvement plan takes this process a step further by involving parents in the improvement process. This is achieved through the delivery of information sessions and the provision of parent resources. This week Ms Dolan and Ms Rigney presented a workshop on phonics. We have received very positive feedback from the large number of parents who attended this session. We have made the material covered during the workshop available to all parents. We look forward to more opportunities to share best practice and improve student outcomes.

Dan Sprange  
Principal



## Zone Cross Country Representatives

On 26 May students who qualified for the Zone Cross Country will compete at Timbrell Park. Unfortunately this competition coincides with Stage 3 camp so it will be up to our junior runners to do us proud. Good luck to all competitors.



## Regional Touch Football

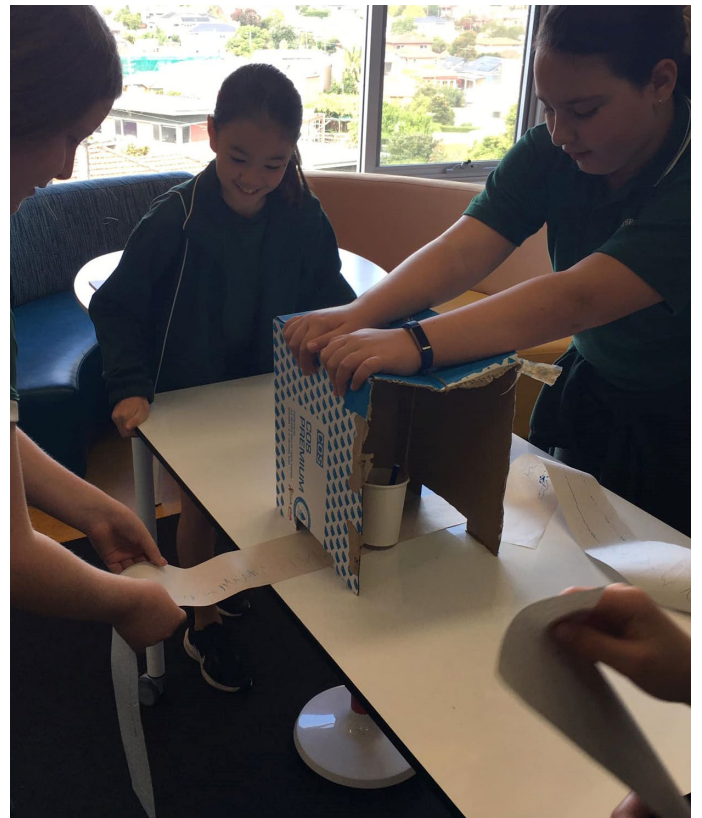
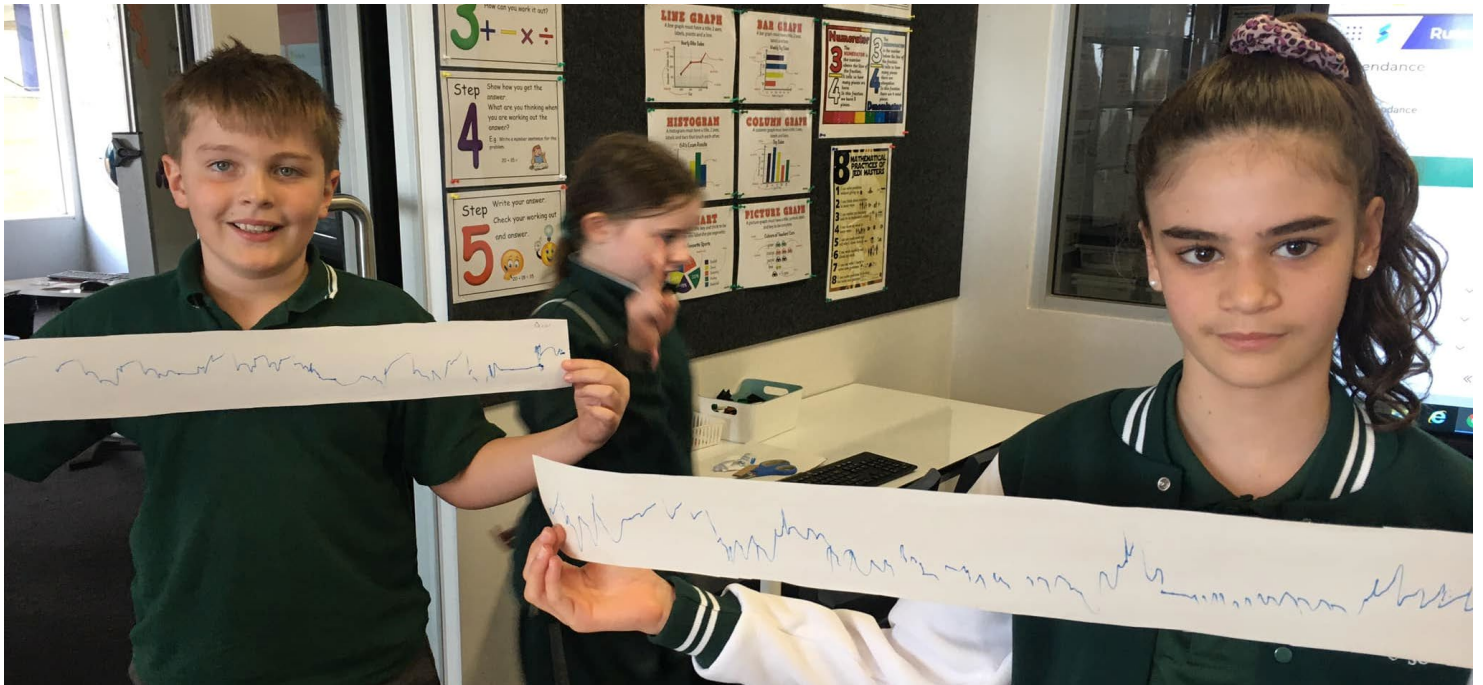
We have very talented female athletes at RLPS. In every school sport domain we have girls who are often amongst the best in the local zone. Anna in Year 5 is competing in the State gymnastics competition this week and yesterday afternoon Sorcha, Lily and Mireya qualified for the Regional Touch Football team. Well done girls and good luck for the rest of the competition season.





## Earthquake Measuring

When adults look back at the learning they did at primary school certain moments often stand out. If you think back to your own primary school experiences what stands out for you? Which learning moments had the biggest and most positive impact? If you are like most people it is the student led, high engagement, hands-on learning that comes to mind. We get high impact learning when students get to actively engage with ideas, problem solve and physically test them during hands-on activities. As well as explicit instruction about earthquakes, students in Stage 3 have been given the opportunity to simulate seismic activity and measure the same using an improvised seismograph. Working in teams they created readings which measured the movement of the classroom desk. It would have been easy to simply show a video of a seismograph or even demonstrate the same but we want students to be engaged and build durable understanding. Learning like this is a feature of every RLPS classroom and we know as adults our students will have powerful memories to draw upon.





## Five Dock RSL School Program Winners

This week students who communicated strong understanding of the ANZAC spirit in the Five Dock RSL School Program were acknowledged for their work. They were invited to a special morning tea at Five Dock RSL on Wednesday to receive their awards. Well done students.



### Grade awards

Benjamin first place (Year 1)  
Evangeline second place (Year 1)  
Kira second place (Year 2)  
Winter first place (Year 3)  
Jack second place (Year 3)  
Willow first place (Year 5)

### Vice President Award

Olivia N (Year 3)



## Student Leadership

It has been a pleasure to work with this enthusiastic and capable group this term. After many weeks of preparation they successfully ran a raffle to raise money for the Children's Hospital. They put together a very strong marketing campaign and prize pool which resulted in much interest. The net result was a donation of \$365 to the Children's Hospital in Westmead. Thank you to all community members who supported the leadership and initiative of this group. Well done girls.

Lost property. If any of  
these items are yours  
please collect them from  
the office.





# KCENTRAL DAY: UNDER THE SEA

Our next big KCentral Day is coming up on Sunday May 16! It's a jam-packed afternoon of games, craft, cooking, Bible-based teaching, and heaps more for kids in school years K-6!



## WHEN

Sunday May 16  
11.30am-4.00pm

## COST

\$10 per child

## LOCATIONS

### **Abbotsford Presbyterian**

443 Great North Road,  
Abbotsford

### **Ashfield Presbyterian**

Cnr. Liverpool Rd & Knox St,  
Ashfield

### **The Joshua Tree**

2 Gordon St,  
Petersham

## MORE INFORMATION

For full program details  
and to register, please visit  
**[www.kcentral.info](http://www.kcentral.info)**

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# Volunteer Expo 2021

- Featuring non-profit organisations showcasing programs & volunteer opportunities
- Learn about how to get involved in your local community
- Lots of information stalls

Drop in and find out how  
you can lend a hand!

For more information contact Council on 9911 9855  
or by email at [volunteering@burwood.nsw.gov.au](mailto:volunteering@burwood.nsw.gov.au)

**Tuesday, 18 May 2021**  
10am – 12noon

Burwood Library  
and Community Hub  
2-8 Conder St, Burwood



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