



*Russell Lea*  
PUBLIC SCHOOL



Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3 Friday 11 February 2022

## Important Dates

Please refer to our [website calendar](#) for a full list of 2022 school dates

February 14

Meet The Teacher  
3:30-5:30

February 19

P&C Welcome Event

February 21

K-2 Parent Helper  
Workshop

March 7

Photo Day

April 8

Last day of Term 1.

## Welcome Back

We start this year with over 70 new students, three new teachers, an additional class and lots of hope for the year ahead. Throughout the holiday period school staff and a couple of parents were working to ensure our school was ready to deliver the best opportunities for students from day one. Teaching programs have been developed, classrooms prepared and a two additional extra-curricular activities established.

We welcome Ms Bronte Fordham to the Stage 1 team, Mr Matthew Robertson to Stage 2, Mr Alex Viera to PDHPE RFF and Ms Katie Grisdale to our support officer team. It is a special time for our youngest students and their families. Starting school is a huge achievement, representing an important transition in a child's life. We welcome our new families and wish them every success in their journey with us.

Teachers will continue to focus on developing practices which result in improved student outcomes using cycles focusing on best practice and implementation and evaluation of this practice. Teacher professional learning work will be shared with parents during the year to ensure high impact strategies are understood and also implemented in the home.

While health considerations continue to restrict some aspects of school life, we have worked hard to ensure student experiences are not impacted significantly. Most activities are going ahead, and adjustments have been made where necessary to ensure chances of infection are minimised. We ask our community to be vigilant and support the school by following health guidelines, especially those relating to isolation and reporting of positive cases.

We dare not make assumptions about what 2022 may bring however we are grateful to be operating with students on site and are confident the RLPS community will make the most the year ahead.

Dan Sprange  
**Principal**

## Deputy Secretary Visit

On the first day of term for students Deputy Secretary of School Performance, Murat Dizdar, visited RLPS. The purpose of the visit was to understand how schools are operating on the first day back in 2022 and to learn about how RLPS meets the needs of the community. Mr Dizdar had some involvement in the planning and approval for the new build at RLPS however had not yet had the chance to officially visit. He was impressed with the building and the way in which the school has developed culturally over the last few years. He met staff and students on his tour and enjoyed his discussions in classrooms. It is important for senior education leaders to visit school settings and we appreciated Mr Dizdar choosing RLPS and allocating so much time to his visit.



## Congratulations Liz Keast

Our incredibly talented Office Manager Liz Keast was permanently appointed to Russell Lea this week. Our community is very aware of the care and skill she applies to everything she does and have been quick to share their best wishes. Liz has ensured our school has been able to thrive through consider change and challenge since starting in the role in 2018. Her leadership and positive approach has helped make RLPS the special place it is today.

## Swimming Carnival

The weather was poor and COVID restrictions limited the number of parent and student spectators but the carnival went ahead with good spirit and determination. After several years of considering Drummoyne Pool it was good to be back at our home pool. We have many families who train at Drummoyne and parents from these families were on hand to assist in the running of events. Thank you to those teachers who led our swimming carnival especially Mr Anisworth and Ms Stanizzo, and to our parent helpers. Congratulations to all swimmers who had a go and achieved personal bests. Results are listed below:

<b>New Swimming Records 2022</b>			
Event	Time	Name	Year
8-10 years 50m Butterfly	1.02.16	Jude Wilson	2022
12-13 years 50m Backstroke	44.06	Cohen Van Loo	2022
8-10 years Medley	4.25.47	Jude Wilson	2022
8-10 years 100m Freestyle	1.42.00	Jude Wilson	2022

<b>Girls Age Champions (In order)</b>		
Junior	11 Years	Senior
Erica Bhatti (1)	Audrey Allan (1)	Elizabeth Allen (1)
	Leni Wilson (2)	Charlotte Allen (2)

<b>Boys Age Champions (In order)</b>		
Junior	11 Years	Senior
Jude Wilson (1)	Kobi Doherty (1)	Noah Hale (1)
Lincoln Van Loo (2)	Finlay Jamieson (2)	Cohen Van Loo (2)
Oscar Hale (3)		



RUSSELL LEA PUBLIC SCHOOL  
PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION  
EVENT



**INVITATION**  
**2022 WELCOME**  
**EVENT**

**SATURDAY**  
**19TH FEBRUARY**  
**3:00pm - 5:00pm**

**BRING YOUR OWN AFTERNOON TEA**  
**AND MEET OTHER RLPS FAMILIES**

**TEA, COFFEE AND WATER**  
**WILL BE PROVIDED**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**



# LEARN A Musical Instrument AT SCHOOL

## JOIN THE BAND

- Teaching Services Australia can help you achieve your creative potential
- Take lessons at school individually or as part of a group
- Affordable, flexible and easy to enrol

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

✉ [enrolments@teachingservices.com.au](mailto:enrolments@teachingservices.com.au)

☎ 9651 7333

[www.teachingservices.com.au/eoi](http://www.teachingservices.com.au/eoi)

## Join The Band

Dear Parents,

Enrolments are now open to students who wish to join the school band in 2022. See below for a basic overview of the program.

### **Band Program Structure**

**Rehearsal:** students work together in a full band setting, generally before or after school (30-60min each week)

**Tuition:** students work in small groups at school to learn new skills, usually on the same day as rehearsal (30min each week)

Students attend both **rehearsal** and **tuition** (weekly) at school.

Regular **practise** at home (3-4 times a week) is essential.

### **Band Program Costs**

**Tuition Fees:** small group tuition and band rehearsal costs \$195 (plus a \$10 resource levy) per term. Individual tuition costs extra and is not available at all schools.

**Instrument:** students require their own instrument. TSA sells quality new instruments or offers 'rent-to-buy' starting at \$43 per month.

**Accessories:** students are provided with a workbook on enrolment but may require other accessories, generally less than \$50 per year.

**For information on how to enrol use the QR code or website below.**

You will also find helpful advice on *how to help your child select an instrument* as well as more detailed information about the school band program.



[www.teachingservices.com.au/EOI](http://www.teachingservices.com.au/EOI)



# CANADA BAY TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP

**JOIN US FOR CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY ON  
SUNDAY, 6 MARCH FROM 7:30AM TO 11:30AM**

The City of Canada Bay will be hosting three clean-up sites at:

- Rodd Park, Rodd Point
- Taplin Park, Drummoyne
- Foreshore Park, Rhodes



You can also register your own clean-up site at [\*\*cleanup.org.au\*\*](http://cleanup.org.au)

For more information visit [\*\*bit.ly/ccb-cleanup\*\*](http://bit.ly/ccb-cleanup)



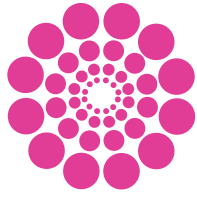
## CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Russell Lea Public School is held on Wednesdays from 11:00am to 12:00pm, starting on 9 February 2022.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email [enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](mailto:enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au) for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



Is this your daughter?

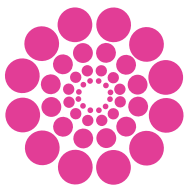
Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

Join us at our  
**FEBRUARY OPEN DAY**



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

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AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



An experience that goes far beyond the stage!

We believe in growing girls through the hidden elements of our curriculum; your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our senior performers have dazzled audiences at exciting events around the country including the Hugh Jackman Arena Tour, ARIA Awards with Amy Shark, Ashes Test Series for Qantas, and television appearances on Sunrise and Today.

Now accepting 2022 enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Balgowlah, Beecroft, Haberfield, Kellyville, North Parramatta, North Ryde, St Ives, Waverley and Willoughby.



Join us at our free **OPEN DAY** in February

Register now at [ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc](https://ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc) or phone 1800 338 142



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# COME TRY RUGBY AT THE DIRTY REDS

ALL AGES WELCOME

\$30 per player

includes Dirty Reds water bottle and footy!!

Sunday 27 Feb , 6 and 13 March | 4 PM |  
Taplin Oval

<https://events.humanitix.com/dirty-reds-try-rugby-2022>



FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY  
SKILLS AND DRILLS

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