



Russell Lea
PUBLIC SCHOOL



Newsletter

Term 1 Week 5 Friday 24 February 2022

Important Dates

Please refer to our website calendar for a full list of 2022 school dates

February 28

K-2 Parent Curriculum Workshop

March 7

Photo Day

April 8

Last day of Term 1.

Acknowledging Creativity

This week we are focusing on creativity. Creativity is one of the 24 character strengths celebrated and nurtured in students at RLPS. We spend time helping students understand their strengths and ensuring they are able to exercise their strengths on a daily basis. Children who know their strengths and exercise them regularly, become competent, resilient and successful. As students often assume some strengths are more valued than others, we make sure we celebrate all strengths equally, so students feel equally valued.

Creativity is often associated with the creative arts but it is much more universal than that. It is the ability to have an idea that is new to a situation or entirely new irrespective of context. It is the ability to use something in a new way to create a different outcome. It is the combining of ideas in ways that solve a problem or enlighten our thinking. Creativity is often the strength that feeds scientific or technological breakthroughs. It helps individuals and groups adapt to change and challenges.

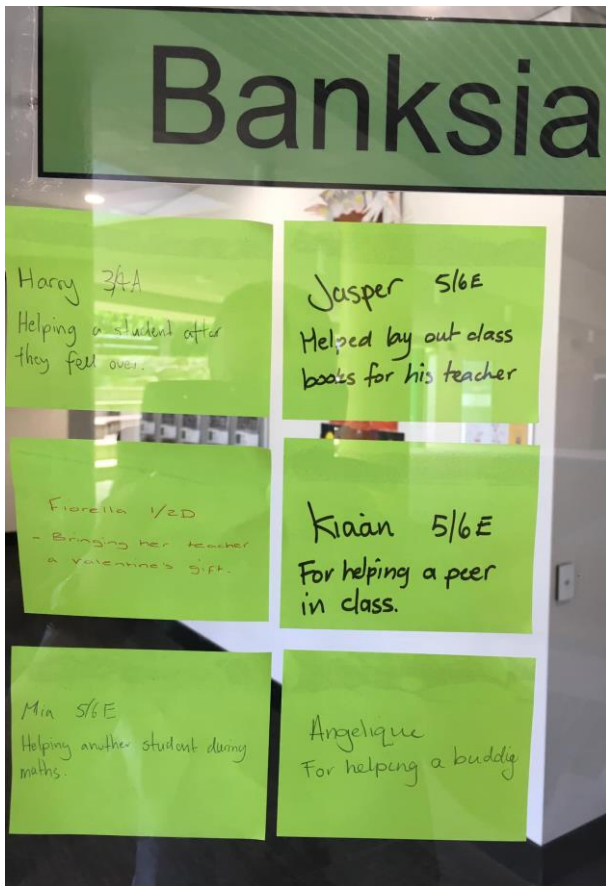
If you see creativity in your child help them understand they are exercising this strength. If creativity is something they seem to be good at make sure they understand how this makes them more competent at doing some things. It is sometimes hard being a creative thinker in a world that operates on fixed routines and fitting in. Make sure your child understands how powerful their creativity is and the wonders it can produce.

We look forward to seeing and acknowledging creativity in action this week.

Dan Sprange
Principal

Recognising Our Strengths

Throughout the year we will be recognising the amazing strengths of our students. When we see a strength being displayed the student and the context will be acknowledged on our Well-Being Wall. This allows our 24 character strengths to be known and valued and the diversity amongst our students to be known and valued. Every one to two weeks a new strength will be focused on and students acknowledged. Each acknowledgement is posted under the Sports House the student is attached to and the total number is added to the annual house point tally. Our House Captains have created presentations to explain each strength so students are aware of each strength and what it looks like in practice. In Weeks 3 and 4 we focused on the strength of Kindness. Students eagerly engaged with the wall and were excited to see their friends being acknowledged for being kind. In Weeks 5 and 6 we are looking for students demonstrating creativity.



Term 1	
Week	Character Strength
3	Kindness
4	
5	Creativity
6	
7	Gratitude
8	
9	Love of Learning
10	
11	Curiosity

Anaphylaxis Awareness

We have a significant number of students who will have a severe anaphylactic reaction if exposed to tree nuts, some other food products including egg and/or insect bites. If exposed these students require immediate medical care to avoid a fatal reaction. ***Given this nut products must not be packed in school lunch boxes or consumed while on school grounds.*** Items such as boiled eggs are also not recommended. Students are supervised during eating times, especially those in year K-2, and food sharing is not permitted. We are not able to declare the school nut free as this cannot be guaranteed with 100 percent certainty. All staff are trained to respond to allergic and anaphylactic reactions and the school has general use and personal EpiPens. We thank you for your cooperation.

Swimming Carnival [correction]

The Swimming Carnival report in the last newsletter incorrectly listed the order of the Senior Boys Champion. The correct order is listed below. Well done Cohen and everyone who had a go.

Boys Age Champions (In order)

Junior	11 Years	Senior
Jude Wilson (1)	Kobi Doherty (1)	Cohen Van Loo (1)
Lincoln Van Loo (2)	Finlay Jamieson (2)	Noah Hale (2)
Oscar Hale (3)		

Changes To Cohorting Restrictions

A range of COVID related restrictions will be removed from Monday including the need to keep cohorts separate. This means we can start buddy programs and other cross-stage programs. It is a welcome change as our students enjoy opportunities to work together.



Fire Alarms

Our fire alarm has been activated several times in recent weeks as a result of sensors which have registered false positives. When the fire alarm is triggered the fire brigade is automatically notified and evacuation procedures are implemented. We are currently working with the Department of Education to adjust the system to reduce the number of false positives. This adjustment may take several weeks to implement so further false alarms are likely. While most students are not worried by these alarms a small number have become distressed, especially when the fire brigade arrived. The parents of those students who were most worried have been contacted. Please discuss these events with your child and assure them they are not in any danger during these evacuations.

Road Safety

Our school continues to grow in size and this means we have more car movements at pick up and drop off time. Given this it is not possible for every parent to find a legal parking spot close to the school gates. Please plan your trip and park in one of the surrounding streets to avoid congestion. In particular our neighbours have recently raised concern about parking along Lithgow Street at pick up time. We have reports of cars parked across driveways and in no stopping zones. Please choose safety over convenience and park legally.



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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

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