



Russell Lea  
PUBLIC SCHOOL



Newsletter

Term 2 Week 4 Friday 20 May 2022

## Important Dates

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

May 25  
National Storytime  
Zone Cross Country

May 30 – June 1  
Stage 3 Camp

June 8  
RLPS Open Day

June 22  
Stage 3 Incursion

June 8  
RLPS Open Day and 90<sup>th</sup>  
Celebrations



### Archibald Winner At RLPS

Blak Douglas (Adam Hill) worked with RLPS during the rebuilding of our school and created the captivating artwork above Wangal. Adam was wonderful to work with and very generous with his contributions to our school.

Last weekend it was announced Adam had won the 2022 Archibald Prize with his portrait of Wiradjuri artist Karla Dickens. After receiving his award he noted *"This painting represents 20 years of taking the risk of pursuing a dream [and] surrendering normalised employment. And I'm sure many of my artist colleagues can relate to that."* We are very grateful he chose to follow his passion and share it with our community in such a special way. We are also grateful to work in a system which saw the importance of investing in Indigenous Art as part of the build.

Dan Sprange  
Principal

## K-2 Conceptual English Quality Texts

K-2 teachers at RLPS deliver English lessons using the Textual Concepts approach. This approach uses quality literature as the foundation for learning how to be a good writer. After a well attended parent information workshop regarding the new K-2 syllabi, Miss Dolan and Miss Mynett approached the P&C with a request for funding to purchase class sets of quality texts to be used within English lessons. It is reasoned that students will develop a greater love for quality literature and will be able to deconstruct literary devices and techniques used by authors when presented with physical copies of the texts.

So far, the purchase of the class sets of texts required have been a huge success. Children are enjoying taking part in shared reading and analysis of a text and are already applying learned techniques to their own writing.

Thank you to the P&C for funding this initiative.



## Voting At RLPS [Reminder]

The Federal Election is Saturday 21 May and our school is being used as one of the polling stations. This means we will have many people from the local area visiting our school to cast their vote. Year 6 students will be running a cake stall and sausage sizzle to raise money for their end of year activities. It is up to you who you vote for but make sure you come to RLPS to cast your vote and buy lunch.

### Assembly Timetable [Reminder]

Given the changes to COVID restrictions a new assembly timetable has been created and is provided below. Throughout the term we will have separate K-2 and 3-6 assemblies with K-6 assemblies running in the last week of each term. Our school leaders (including House Captains) will run each assembly and each class will have an opportunity to share an item on the week noted in the timetable. **Parents are invited to attend each assembly, especially when their child's class is sharing an item.**

## K-2 Assembly

### Term 2

Weeks	Leaders	Class	Character Strength
1	School Leaders	ANZAC Day	Fairness
2			
3			
4	Captains and Vice Captains	1/2D	Humour
5			
6	Vice Captains and Prefects	1/2F	Appreciation of Beauty and Excellence
7			
8	Prefects and Captains	1/2MY	Perseverance
9			
10	School Leaders		Perspective

### Term 3

Weeks	Leaders	Class	Character Strength
1			Self Regulation
2			
3			
4	Captains & Banksia	1/2P	Teamwork & Leadership
5			
6	Vice Captains & Blue Gum	1/2O	Zest
7			Honesty
8	Prefects & Waratah	All Kindergarten	
9			Forgiveness
10	School Leaders		

### Term 4

Weeks	Leaders	Class	Character Strength
1			Prudence & Love
2			
3			
4	Captains and Wattle	KL	Social Intelligence
5			
6	Banksia and Blue Gum	KM	Hope
7			Judgement
8	Waratah and Wattle	KR	
9			Humility
10	Presentation Day		

## 3-6 Assembly

Term 2			
Weeks	Y6 Leaders/Class	Character Strength	Captains Reports
1	ANZAC Day	Fairness	
2			
3	5/6L	Humour	Captains
4			
5	TALK FEST	Appreciation of Beauty and Excellence	
6			
7	5/6B	Perseverance	Prefects
8			
9		Perspective	
10	School Leaders		Vice Captains
Term 3			
Weeks		Character Strength	Captains Reports
1		Self Regulation	
2			
3	5/6E	Teamwork & Leadership	Banksia
4			
5	3/4A	Zest	Blue Gum
6			
7	3/4S	Honesty	Waratah
8			
9		Forgiveness	
10	School Leaders		Wattle
Term 4			
Weeks		Character Strength	Captains Reports
1		Prudence & Love	
2			
3	3/4P	Social Intelligence	Banksia & Blue Gum
4			
5	3/4R	Hope	Wattle & Waratah
6			
7	House Captains	Judgement	Prefects
8			
9		Humility	
10	Presentation Day		

## Iron Cove Performing Arts Festival

Russell Lea PS has been invited to take part in the Iron Cove Performing Arts Festival. After successful application the following acts will be performing. We cant wait to see our students perform.

- Years 2-6 Choir: Pre-Show Entertainment, Evening Concert
- Years 3-6 Dance Girls 'Mary Poppins': Evening Concert
- Years K-6 Dance Boys 'Mary Poppins': Evening Concert
- Years 4-6 Dance 'Ease on Down!': Evening Concert
- Years 4-6 Band 'Zombie Dance: Evening Concert

### Performance Details

Date: Thursday 11 August 2022

Venue: Everest Theatre, Seymour Centre Chippendale

Technical Rehearsal: 9:30am-2:30pm, 11 August (TBC)

Twilight Concert Times: 5pm Pre-Show Entertainment, 5:30pm Start

Evening Concert Times: 7pm Pre-Show Entertainment, 7:30pm Start



IRON COVE  NETWORK  
PERFORMING  
ARTS FESTIVAL

## Co-teaching Networking

Russell Lea PS has hosted many schools and teachers in recent years. We have shared our experiences with Co-teaching strategies and the learning spaces which enable these practices to thrive. This week we hosted teachers and executive from Canterbury South Public School. They met with Stage 3 teachers to understand how learning is shared across classrooms.



## Celebrating Humour and Fairness

At our K-2 Assembly this week we acknowledged students who have demonstrated the character strengths of Humour and Fairness. Both are powerful strengths which contribute to a happy and healthy community. Well done and we hope these students get to exercise these strengths everyday. We look forward to acknowledging the Appreciation Of Beauty and Perseverance at the next K-2 Assembly in Week 8.



## Want to do something life-changing in 2022?

Why not volunteer at Russell Lea Public School as an ethics teacher!

Ethics classes can only be offered if we have volunteer teachers. Volunteers can come from our parents, grandparents, friends and local community, from every walk of life. Primary Ethics offers full, free training, lesson scripts and teaching support.

Ethics encourages children to listen closely and to develop their opinions through ethical reasoning. Ethics helps kids develop confidence and empathy. As an ethics teacher, you'll get a lot out of it too!

If you have an hour a week and want to ensure children at our school can access this valuable program, go to: <https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ethics-teacher/> or contact our Ethics Coordinator, Laura, at [laurawoodall40@gmail.com](mailto:laurawoodall40@gmail.com) for more information.

## Student Leadership

We encourage students at RLPS to lead others and think beyond their own needs in order to make the world a better place. This week we have three wonderful examples. Jocelyn has put together a Book Club to assist students with reading at lunch time and our student leaders (led by Ava for this project) have put together a suggestion box to give students voice. Another group decided to spend their lunch time cleaning the area around Deniz's memorial. Each of these projects show initiative and make the world a better place. They also are a great reflection of the type of students who attend RLPS.



## Road Safety Week

This week is Road Safety Week and on Monday Sergeant Lucas and Constable Briggs visited us to talk about road safety. They were impressed with the knowledge our students have around road safety and that they were aware that it is Road Safety Week. They will visit again to keep our students safe and monitor parking behaviours. They provided us with some information on traffic offences near school as seen on the follow page. Thanks for visiting and keeping us safe.



# **'We Urgently Need More Foster Carers'**

The NSW Department of Communities and Justice is seeking people in your area to become short-term and crisis foster carers in order to provide a home for children and young people aged anywhere between 0-18 years-old. We are also interested in people who can care for siblings.

Foster carers come from all walks of life and their families reflect the wider community we live in. They can be single, in a relationship, identify as LGBTQI+ and be with or without children of their own.

Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islanders and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are also encouraged to apply. All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance. If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child, please call [8303 7644](tel:83037644) or email our Foster Care Team:

[CAPSMetroCentral@dcj.nsw.gov.au](mailto:CAPSMetroCentral@dcj.nsw.gov.au)



**Communities  
& Justice**





NSW Police Force

With your help, a safer community.

## Disobey 'No Parking' Sign



- ONLY stop to drop off or pick up
- Stay within **3 meters** of your car
- Stay less than **2 minutes**

Fine = **\$19** \*  
& Lose 2 Points

'KISS & DROP' ZONE

Section 168 Road Rules 2014

# DRIVING OFFENCES IN SCHOOL ZONES



Fine = **\$46** \*  
& Lose 5 Points

**Driver Uses Mobile Phone When Not Allowed by Law**

**DO NOT** talk, text or view your phone while driving.

Section 300 Road Rules 2014



Fine = **\$34** \*  
& Lose 2 Points

**DO NOT STOP** for ANY reason

Section 167 Road Rules 2014

Fine = **\$34** \*  
& Lose 3 Points

**Child or Passenger Not Restrained**  
(Not wearing a seat belt or not in a child seat)

Sections 265, 266, 267 Road Rules 2014

For more information see: **Road Rules 2014**

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/index.html>

\*Fines are current as of March 2021. Fine amounts change regularly.

For up-to-date fine amounts see: <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/demerits-offences/index.html>

# INTRODUCTION TO COMPLEX TRAUMA WORKSHOP

## FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

**Date** Thursday 2 June 2022  
**Time** 1.00pm - 4.30pm  
**Location** Canterbury Leagues Club  
**Address** 26 Bridge Road, Belmore

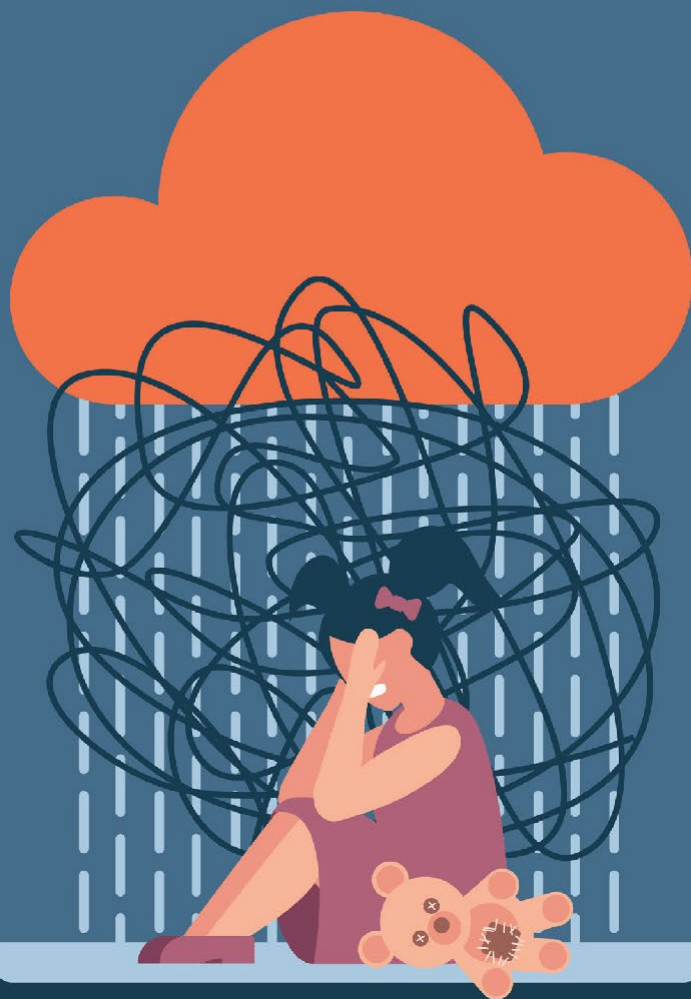
Adverse childhood experiences, or ACEs, are potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood (0-17 years).

This workshop will provide an introduction to the concept of complex trauma and ways that people may learn to cope. It will outline some key ideas when working with children, young people and parents and describe ways to engage that are non-judgemental, supportive and trauma informed.

The workshop is for child, family and youth workers such as case workers, family support and disability workers.

**Workshop Facilitator is Biljana Milosevic**  
- Director, Jannawi Family Centre

Biljana is a bi-cultural Social Worker with over 21 years of experience working directly with children and families at significant risk, experiencing violence, abuse (including sexual abuse) and neglect.



Bring your service information resources to include on an information table.

**Afternoon tea is provided. Bookings are ESSENTIAL.**

Book via: <https://events.humanitix.com/complex-trauma-workshop-for-service-providers>

Bookings close 5pm Wednesday 25 May.

For enquiries and booking cancellations email: [families@burwood.nsw.gov.au](mailto:families@burwood.nsw.gov.au)

This workshop is a collaboration between the Canterbury and Burwood Regional Child and Family Interagencies and supported by the Department of Communities and Justice Funding.



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# Bumps, Bubs & Beyond Expo

For parents, grandparents and carers from pre-birth to 5 years.

Whether you're an expecting, new or experienced parent, there is something for every family at this **FREE** mini expo. Babies and children are welcome.

**DATE** Friday 24 June 2022  
**TIME** 9am - 12pm  
**VENUE** Canada Bay Club  
**ADDRESS** William Street, Five Dock



- Meet local service providers and hear from expert speakers who have a wealth of information and resources to share.
- Insights, hints and tips
- Free give-aways

Breakfast and morning tea provided

Stall holders include:

- Early Childhood Health Services
- Family Support Services
- Playgroups and childcare providers
- Parenting workshops and courses
- Centrelink AND MORE!



**REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL**

Register via <https://events.humanitix.com/bumps-bubs-and-beyond-mini-expo>



Supported by Child Family Health Nursing Services (Sydney Local Health District)

# Bumps, Bubs & Beyond Expo



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## PROGRAM

TIME	TOPIC
9.00am	Welcome breakfast
9.10am	Becoming a parent and those early weeks building attachment.
9.40am	Child and family health services, supports and connection for the early years
10.00am	Parent Education Programs
10.30am	Morning Tea Break
10.45am	Playgroups - How they operate and why they provide a valuable service to children and parents
11.00am	Navigating the Family Tax Benefit and Child Care subsidy
11.20am	Childcare options - From a shared nanny to Long Day Care: how to choose what's right for you.
11.40am	Preparing for the School Years



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# ETHICS

ETHICS EDUCATION  
FOR CHILDREN

THINK • REASON • DISCUSS

## Do something life-changing! **Volunteer to teach ethics** at your local school

Ethics classes help children develop the life skills they need to voice their opinions, listen respectfully to others and make decisions based on evidence and reasoning rather than habit or peer pressure.

Thousands of volunteers from all walks of life and of all ages teach ethics every week. We offer free training, full lesson materials and ongoing support.



**You'll get as much out of it as the children do!**  
**Visit: [PrimaryEthics.com.au](http://PrimaryEthics.com.au) to learn more**



## Volunteers are needed now

For around an hour a week, you can have a positive impact for the future when you teach ethics, using an approved curriculum specially designed for each age group.

Topics include: How can we work out what's true? should animals be kept in zoos? what is fairness? is it ever okay to lie? The teacher's role is not to make judgements or give their own opinions about right or wrong, but to encourage questions and reflection by the children themselves.

**We rely on parents, grandparents and people who are community-minded - it's a rewarding way to get involved, learn new skills and connect positively with the future generation.**

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**Learn more at:**  
**[primaryethics.com.au](http://primaryethics.com.au)**

