



Russell Lea
PUBLIC SCHOOL



Newsletter

Term 4 Week 10 Friday 15 December 2023

Important Dates

Please refer to our website calendar for a full list of 2023 school dates

<https://russelllea-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/russell-lea-public-school-calendar.html>

February 1
Years 1-6 return

February 6
Kindergarten start

February 22
Swimming Carnival

March 2
P&C Welcome Event

March 13
NAPLAN Starts

March 15
Pulse Alive (Choir)

End of Year Message

We finish 2023 with great pride in our school and the achievements of students. By any measure 2023 was one of our most successful years, with students excelling in many and varied aspects of school life. We had record numbers of students achieving at the highest levels in key academic and extra-curricular activities. From OC entry to, state and national sporting competition, in performing arts and student leadership, students have demonstrated unique and uplifting capabilities. Our first fete since 2019 was a financial and social success as a record amount was raised and our families came together like never before.

While the success described above is inspiring and highly valued by our community, much of what has been achieved this year is hidden. It quietly happens every day in classrooms as teachers and students interact and grow each day. Social, emotional and academic growth are the quiet outcomes that mean so much to each child and their family. Our data shows students making progress every term. Student attendance is one of the most common measures of student engagement and wellbeing. Schools that provide engaging and student focused environments have higher attendance rates. RLPS has had consistently high levels of attendance and in 2023 we were in the top five of our statistically similar school group school for attendance.

I would like to acknowledge everyone who has worked together this year to put students in a position to be their best. It takes enormous skill, dedication and team work to create these outcomes. Thank you to our office staff, support team, teachers, parent volunteers and P&C committee. Your work and collaborative approach has made a difference this year.

Dan Sprange
Principal

2024 Student Leaders

Congratulations to our 2024 Student Leaders. We have great faith in the way you will lead others with kindness and compassion.

School captains

Vice captains

Prefects

Winter Wawn and Darcy Cruikshank

Ava Ngo and Daniel Jessimer

Sahana Pudsey and Jack Johnston.



Farewell Year 6

Today we farewelled a cherished group of Year 6 students. Being a small cohort has not stopped them from having a large impact this year. They are an eclectic group but united in their positive contribution to RLPS over the last 7 years. Most started at RLPS in 2017. This means they are the only current students who attended when the original building was still being used. These students and the school have come a long way since 2017. They are led by student leaders with enormous capacity to make a difference and initiate positive change. Those without formal recognition as leaders have also carried the school forward with their energy and high-level achievement in so many fields. This group has it all. Talented debaters, public speakers, artists, and dancers. Exceptional athletes and sporting stars, and those who are just beautifully kind and generous always. We thank them for the positive impact they have had on students across the school and wish them well for the future. We know they will make the world a better place and shape it in ways we can't yet imagine. We encourage them to dream big and invite them to visit us often.



Farewell Year 6 (continued)



Student Leadership

At RLPS student leadership is about taking initiative and making the world a better place. This week the leadership efforts of three groups of students were realised with donations to Wayside Chapel, Shoes For Planet Earth and OZHarvest. RLPS families donated items which will make Christmas day more festive for the Wayside Chapel community. In the same week all the shoes donated for Shoes for Planet Earth were delivered to children in the NSW town of Tingha. Food was also collected for Ozharvest as part of the Christmas craft initiative. Thank you to everyone who donated and to the students who made it happen. You are you helping others and role modeling kindness to fellow RLPS students. Well done.



Student Leadership (continued)



Help Us Shape RLPS

We need your feedback about what you value most at RLPS. We have a survey to collect the views of our school community and we will use this data to create a set of values which will guide the students, staff and parents of RLPS through the years ahead. The values we define will provide a reference point for decision making and a framework for individual and collective student success. Students graduating from RLPS will reflect these values in their words, actions and achievements. The values will be encapsulated in a single phrase and visuals to provide consistent messaging. Provide your thoughts on what we should value by clicking on the survey link below. Completing the survey should take about 5 minutes.

<https://forms.gle/4x1ZUFeHjOZwu1q7>



WINNER OF THE CHRISTMAS ARTWORK COMPETITION



Congratulations to local resident Darcy R, age 9. The winner of the Drummoyne 2023 Christmas Artwork Competition.




**Thank
you!**



**To all the generous families that donated to the
Wayside Chapel by donating toiletries, socks,
undies, bras and crackers, THANK YOU.
Your donation has brightened the life of someone
who lives on the street.**



On Christmas Day, Wayside
Chapel expect to serve 700 lunches. The crackers you
donated will provide some happiness and funny jokes!



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Jeff Viskovich Tennis School

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Junior Development Program

Tennis Coaching



Directed by a certified club professional coach

2024

After School Term 1 classes

Starting Monday 29th January
through Friday 2nd February

Saturday Morning classes

Starting 3rd February

All classes 1 hour per week for 10 weeks
Max 7 per group **Cost \$240** incl.GST

- Children 5-16 years of age
- Beginners to Advanced players
- Training squads for competition players

*For booking and enquires
please contact Jeff Viskovich*

0408 169 543

jeffviskovich@gmail.com

2024

Summer Holiday Camps

Camp 1 Jan 2nd to 5th

(Tuesday to Friday) 9am - 1pm

\$220 per child (\$55 per day) incl.GST

Camp 2 Jan 8th to 12th

(Monday to Friday) 9am - 1pm

\$275 per child (\$55per day) incl.GST

Camp 3 Jan 22nd to 25th

(Monday to Thursday) 9am - 1pm

\$220 per child (\$55 per day) incl.GST

- **Private lessons available**

\$45 - 1/2 hr, \$90 - 1 hr

For Children and Adults, all standards and ages

Court hire \$25/hr

All prices inclusive GST

All programs under the direction of Jeff Viskovich
Former world ranked Australian and overseas touring player
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(Any classes cancelled due to rain, can be made up on another day)

TENNIS COACHING ENROLMENT FORM

Please complete and mail to: **PO Box 3423 Waremba NSW 2046** or Email: jeffviskovich@gmail.com

Child's name: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work/Mobile _____ Email address _____

Parent's Name: _____ School attending: _____

Ability level (approx): Beginner Advanced Beginner Intermediate Advanced

Prefered days and times: _____

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Learn to **MAKE**
a craft you can
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**Christmas &
Summer
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**Keep the kids busy these holidays
making fun crafts they can PLAY with! 😎**

Tuesday 19th December 9am -12pm

MYO Snow Globes & Christmas tree Painting

Thursday 21st December 9am - 12pm

MYO Snow Globes & Rudolph the Reindeer Painting

Friday 29th December 9am - 12pm

Crazy Face Masks & Ice Sculptures

Tuesday 2nd January 9am -12pm

Magic Wands & Potions

Wednesday 3rd January 9am - 12pm

Clay Volcanic Eruptions & Lava Lamps 🌋

Friday 5th January 9am - 12pm

Crazy Face Masks & Ice Sculptures 🧐

Monday 8th January 9am - 12pm

Clay Volcanic Eruptions & Lava Lamps 🌋

Tuesday 9th January 9am-12pm

Jellyfish mobiles & Tropical Painting

Thursday 11th January 9am -12pm

'Seas' the Day Sailboat - Make a boat that can float!

Tuesday 23rd January 9am -12pm

Clay Donuts & Pendant Necklaces 🍩

Wednesday 24th January 9am - 12pm

Magic Wands & Potions 🪄 ✨

Thursday 25th January 9am - 12pm

Jellyfish Mobiles & Tropical Summer Painting

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disappointment**

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS!



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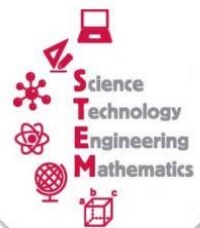
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2024

YOUTH GIRLS AFL DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

HOSTED BY CANADA BAY
CANNONS JUNIOR AFL CLUB

SIX SESSIONS

COME TO ONE OR ALL SIX!

ALL SESSIONS FROM 5.30 - 7PM

TUESDAY 9TH JAN

THURSDAY 11TH JAN

TUESDAY 16TH JAN

THURSDAY 18TH JAN

TUESDAY 23ND JAN

THURSDAY 25TH JAN

OPEN TO **ANY** YOUTH
GIRLS BETWEEN 7 - 15
YEARS OF AGE.

DETAILS

LOCATION: ST LUKES OVAL, CONCORD

COACH: CANNONS COACHES

CONTACT:

YOUTHGIRLS@CANADABAYCANNONS.COM.AU

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HOLIDAY SPORTS CARNIVAL

- An action packed 2 day carnival with specialist coaches
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- A safe environment for your child to work on skills and have fun outdoors
- Pick one day or two
- Give your Sports Star a memorable experience to kickstart their summer holiday
- Each day has a different sporting theme, activities suit beginner or advanced skillsets
- No contact or tackling, all whilst championing respect and values



Campbell Park (Drummoyne)

9:00am-4:00pm

Last pick up 5pm

Earliest drop off 8:30am

Ages 6-14

Thu 21 Dec - Cricket

Fri 22 Dec - Rugby

Limited spaces available

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2 Days

\$200

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