



*Russell Lea*  
PUBLIC SCHOOL



## Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6 Friday 17 November 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>

November 16  
Year 6 Outing

November 24  
School Spectacular

December 6  
Presentation Day  
Dance Concert

December 8  
Kindergarten Excursion

December 14  
Year 6 Graduation

December 15  
Last day of term

### RLPS Fete

Over a year ago the Fete Committee came together and started working to bring us the incredible event we enjoyed on Sunday. They had a huge task ahead of them as we had not run a fete since 2019 and they could not simply pick up and run with the previous template. It was a courageous endeavor and as with any big event it became more complex and demanding as the day approached. Planning meetings often went late into the night with individuals agreeing to invest more of their personal time to ensure success. As the day grew closer more volunteers signed up and each aspect of the day was assured. The result was everything we dreamed it would be.

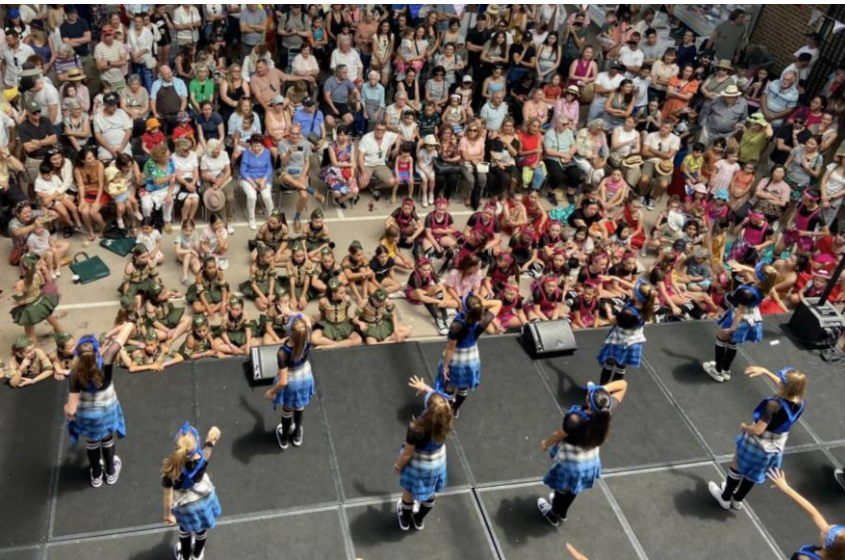
Fetes hold a special place in our memories, and this was affirmed by the number of former students and families who attended and helped on the day. This week students young and old have communicated with great excitement and happiness about their experiences. Parents have spoken of the comradery and team work they enjoyed while working together in service of the community. Sometimes friendships of a lifetime are forged while serving ice-cream, running the BBQ or managing the tombola.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the key members of the committee including Sonja, Livia, Ting, Chris, Elise and Matt, our sponsors, our performers, school staff and everyone else who made the day possible. The event was a huge success at many levels because of these generous contributions. The P&C will announce the final amount raised in due course, but for the time being we can simply celebrate the extraordinary sense of community and joy amongst our young people created on the day.

Dan Sprange  
Principal



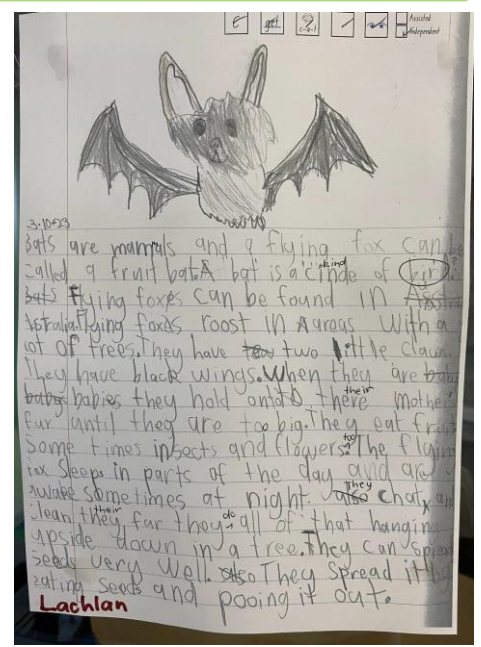
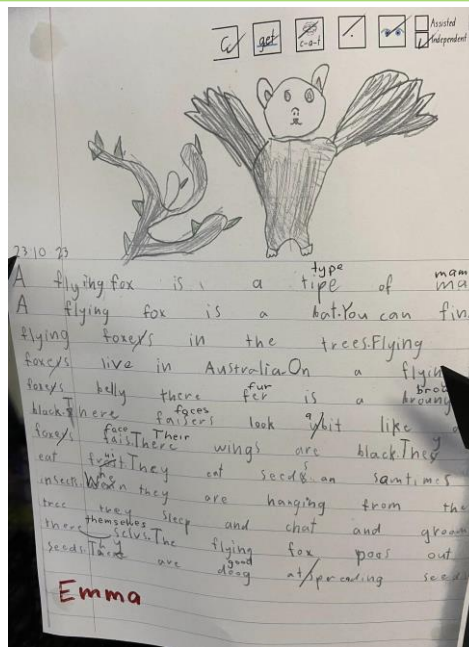
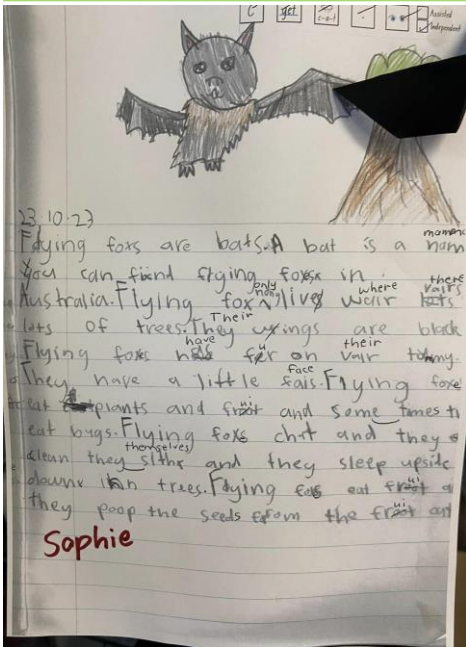
## 2023 Fete in Pictures





## Writing In Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten students have come a long way this year. From basic letter formation to full sentences and informative texts. Everything you need to know about flying foxes is in the photos.



## Celebrating Growth

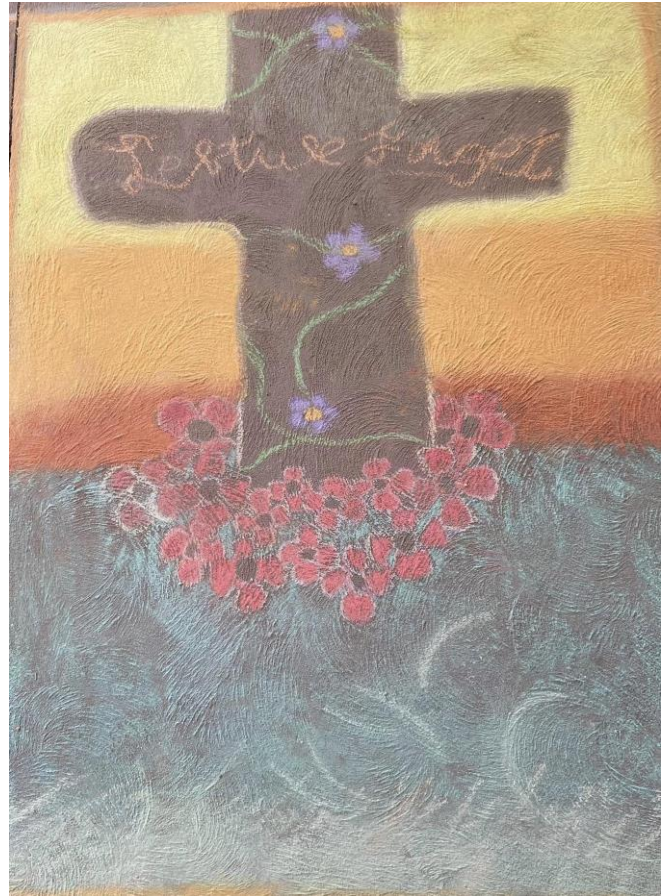
At RLPS we focus on growth more than achievement level because a focus on growth results in students reaching their achievement potential. We measure achievement levels in key domains twice yearly and use this data to determine growth. We aim for more than a years worth of growth within the learning year. The students pictured below may have different achievement levels but they are all celebrating enormous growth in reading from their Term 4 assessment. Congratulations.





## Remembrance Day

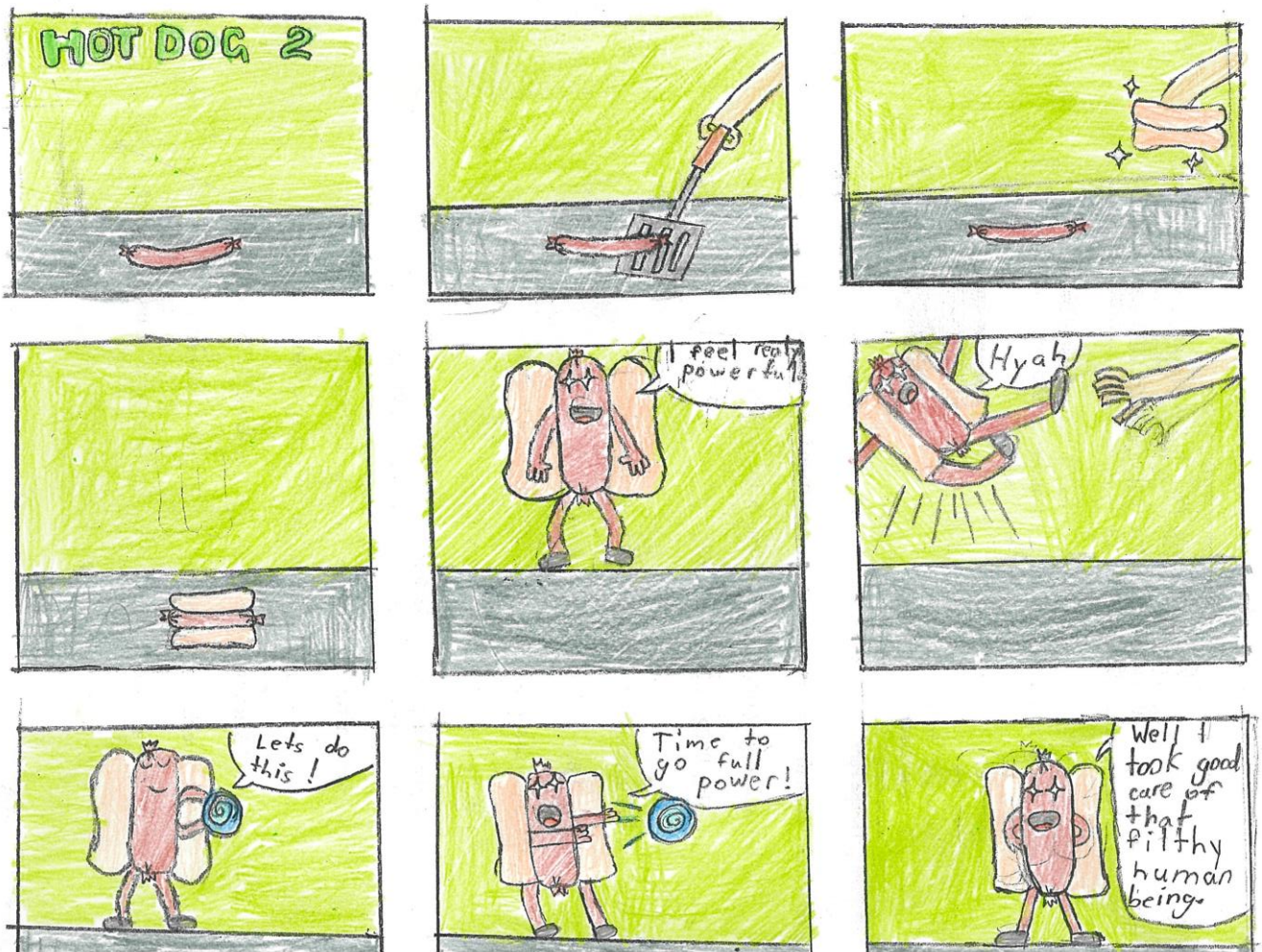
On Friday 10 November RLPS acknowledged Remembrance Day. Student leaders conducted a formal ceremony supported by Owen and Colin Grisdale on trumpet. In partnership with the Five Dock RSL Sub Branch students in Year 3-6 created chalk art to pay respect to those lost in armed conflict. Lest We Forget.





## Hot Dog Part 2

Aiden has created the next part of his Hot Dog comic. Enjoy.

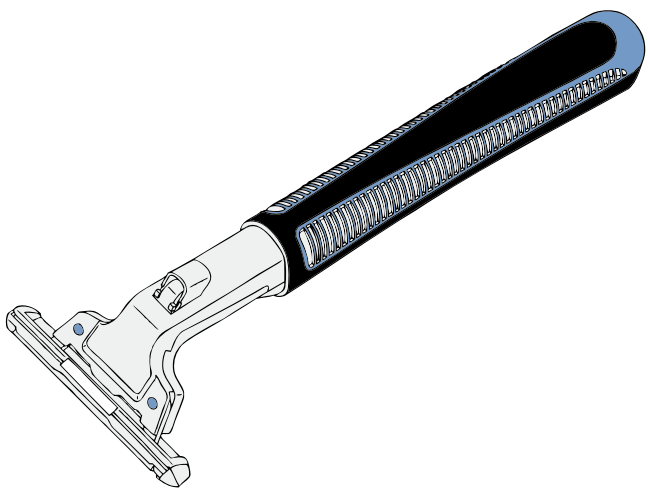




# Donations



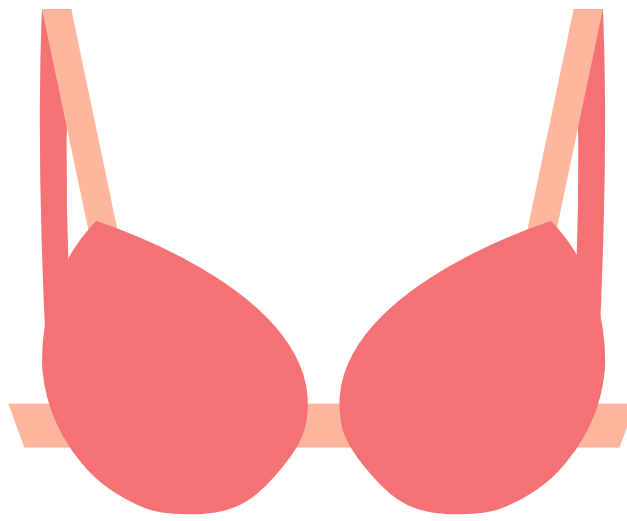
## Christmas crackers



**Travel size  
shaving Kit**



**Socks**



**Bras &  
Undies**



**Travel size  
toothbrush &  
toothpaste**



**Travel size  
Shampoo &  
Conditioner**

**If any questions please come and ask  
Eliza, Olivia, Millie, Tia, Erica , Mia and  
Winter**





# Wayside Chapel Christmas Drive

## WHAT?

TO GET DONATIONS TO  
GIVE TO THE HOMELESS



## WHY?

TO BRING JOY TO THE HOMELESS

## WHEN?

LUNCHTIME MONDAY TO  
THURSDAY  
WEEK 7, 8 & 9

## WHERE?

IN WANGAL IN  
FRONT OF THE  
LIFT

## WHAT TO DO?

1. Bring your donations to the office and you will get a ticket
2. Bring your ticket to one of the tables at lunch.
3. Swap your ticket for a Christmas decoration, slapband or rock
4. Take home your things to remember the homeless each day





### Procedures for student use of mobile phones

It is not necessary for most students to bring a phone to school. Children are often exposed to many hours of screen time each day and school provides an important opportunity for students to have periods of downtime from screen devices. Direct parent communication with students during the school day is only required in emergency situations. In these instances contact can be made in the usual way by contacting the school office.

#### Purpose of this procedure

- To provide clear guidelines for students and parents regarding the use and possession of mobile phones at RLPS.
- To ensure the privacy and safety of all students is not compromised.
- To ensure learning time is not adversely affected by mobile phone use.

#### Guidelines

- Students who bring a phone to school must not access it during school hours unless instructed to by their teacher to support learning activities.
- Students must keep their phones switched off and in their school bags throughout the school day.
- Students are not permitted to use their phone to film, record or communicate with others unless this is specifically requested as part of class learning activities.
- Students must not lend their phone to others and are responsible for how it is used within the school.
- Students bring mobile phones to school at their own risk. The school and school staff members will not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to mobile phones or for investigating loss or damage.

#### Specific Guidelines for phone use during excursions

- Mobile phones can be taken on excursions only if the excursion permission note indicates phones are permitted.
- For most excursions only devices owned by the school will be used by students. This ensures students have equal access to technology and are protected from devices that have unrestricted network coverage.
- Any mobile phones that are used on excursions will be used in a way that do not breach the guidelines described above.
- Phones may be used to record events on the excursion, however, students are not permitted to take photographs of other students without their permission. At no time are photographs taken of other students permitted to be uploaded onto the internet, including social media applications and websites. These photographs are for personal record and memories of the excursion only.
- During the excursion, students will not be permitted to communicate with their peers and/or with other friends or family members using their phone. Any communication needed will be through the excursion coordinator via the school office.

These procedures apply equally to the use of all other portable computer games, iPads, iPods and similar devices.

***Please be reminded of our mobile and smart watch policy. Students using these devices at school will be asked to leave them at home.***



## School Spectacular

During the school holidays of term 3, a group of 11-16 yr olds travelled to Lewisham Public School to rehearse Schools Spectacular. This year was all about '40 and Fabulous' celebrating school spec's 40th anniversary! During the holidays, the 'featured artists' worked hard making the show come to life. A student of our school, Rhys Hankey was lucky enough to be a featured artist. We rehearsed between the 20th of September and the 1st of October. Then, on the Sunday before school started, Rhys took part in filming for the School Spectacular promotion video. "I'll say for sure, it was an amazing school holiday. The filming was awesome, but it took VERY long." Now that school has started up again, the year 3-6 girls



dancers and the boys hip-hop group have started rehearsing. I'm sure it's going to be an amazing show!

## Kindergarten Orientation

In week 1 the year 5's and their kindergarten buddies met for the first time. The day started with the pre-kindies being brought up to a room with tv on. Later the buddies were all allowed to play together for 45 minutes and then they walked together down to meet the 2024 kindergartens parents. There was also a table of food with deliciously tempting lamingtons and other confections much to the year 5's annoyance. But nonetheless we are all happy to have new kindies coming to RLPS.

## Band Demo

On the Wednesday of week four the Russell Lea Band will be doing a demonstration. They will be performing



what each instrument sounds like with each one on a little catchy tune.

## 2024 Year 6 Uniforms

On Friday of week 3 the year 5's voted on what shirt they would like for year 6. The vote began with the mascot and name, there were 3 rounds of voting for this selection and the finalists for the animal were the Capybara and the Turtle. The year 6 nickname finalists were Fantastic 24' and Dream Team!. As of yet the 5 and 6's do not know what the results are but, have been told that it will not be confirmed until the first box of shirts have been produced.



## Zooper Dooper Day

On Tuesday the 24th of October, Russell Lea had a Zooper Dooper day! What is it you ask? If you think it's about a free Zooper Dooper, you're right: mostly. Zooper Dooper day is when you can buy a 'Dooper for a dollar. This day is mostly a fundraiser run by the year 6 students. The day usually happens once every term, or four times a year.

## Russell Lea Fete

On the 12th of November, Russell Lea is going to have a Fete! A Fete is a festival for a school that involves the community, and sometimes students! Some rides that I've seen in past Fetes include a sort of 'Spinny Thing'. A ride that spins you at rapid speeds, and makes people very dizzy. The Dunk Tank is a precision based ball-throwing game, where if you hit the target, the person sitting on the plank above the



water will fall in! People willing to help out with the Fete can volunteer by signing up. You can sign up too! Just contact the office and they can give you the sheet. During the Fete, various students from the school get the chance to perform on stage for entertainment. Performances include Mr V's GTD (Golden Ticket Dancers) RLPS Choir, run by Mr Robertson and Ms Dolan, and Band. The Band will play from 3:15 to 4:00, each band will play at least 2 songs, Junior Band, Concert Band then the Extension Band. Before the Fete, students will be able to donate toys, books and more to the Office. These donations will be put on for sale in one of the numerous Fete stalls.

## School leaders

In week 2, the whole stage voted for a new school leadership team. 56 girls and 14 boys ran for captain. There will be 3 rounds. Round 1 is where the whole

stage 3 watches all the videos and then goes on laptops to vote. Then round 2 is where the top 10 boys and girls perform another speech in front of everyone from year 1 - 6. Then they all vote. The top 5 boys and girls will be knocked out until there are 2 girls, 2 boys and one random person. We are all very hopeful for everyone and give them best wishes.

## Year 6 bay run

On Thursday 12th of october 2023 the Year 6 Champions walked the bay. They walked until Brett Park and had their recess. They played on the equipment. After that they walked to Callan Park and the teachers brought the students play equipment to play with, such as skipping ropes and frisbees. Later the volunteer mums were kind enough to buy them sushi, sausage rolls and fruits for lunch. After a well deserved break they started walking back towards Rodd Point. It took a while for them since they were 40 minutes away! There was a sigh of relief as they



entered rodd point because all the mums bought them all Zooper Doopers. It was 36 degrees so the mums were kind enough to let them have 2 Zooper Doopers each. Although they were deprived of their energy they pushed through it and headed back to school which, to their satisfaction, only took 9 mins. When they arrived they watched the movie Luca. - Mia Capozzi

## Leadership Day

On the 12th of November all the year 5's attended a leadership day that occurred in the hall. The three sessions were all really fun, especially the one when we all got to play games as a team. We learned how to be a good leader with or without the badge. The day was a huge success and all the year fives left being a better leader.

## State

On Thursday Week 3 of Term 4, the Russell Lea Public School Senior Girls Relay Team (Charlotte, Indi, Winter and Eisla) managed to make it to The Junior Athletics State. They managed to grab 2nd in their heat and then moved on to the next round, the semi finals. We were assigned the 5th Lane. They came 5th. What a coincidence! They were all nervous since we were not sure if we were gonna make it to the finals but the world decided to be on their side that day. Luckily they just made it to the finals by 0.01 milliseconds. They were so caught up in excitement that they nearly missed their race. When they all got ready for the finals, they got assigned the 1st lane, the WORST one! In the end they placed 9th. But still they were all so happy knowing this was the furthest the school has ever gone and the girls are the 9th fastest senior girls relay team in NSW! Now that's a mind set we should all be in. "Overall State was very wet, windy and an amazing experience!" - Charlotte Nguyen



## Bushfires

Lately this year, we've been having bushfires, thanks to global warming. Bushfires start with a fuel, which would be a small flame. This will then spread to trees near the flame, and then over time it will grow into a bushfire! They can spread really quickly and can cause devastating damage to nearby houses. If you are near a bushfire, wear a gas mask and move out! **People living near a bushfire zone should be really careful, you could put your life at risk.**

## Podcasts

Lately some special members from the news crew have been selected to do podcasts to recap over the news in the past 2 weeks this time with voice. The podcast is just a recap of the newsletter that allows people with bad eyesight to understand. Either way

it's very fun for the podcasters and we hope it's fun for everyone else.

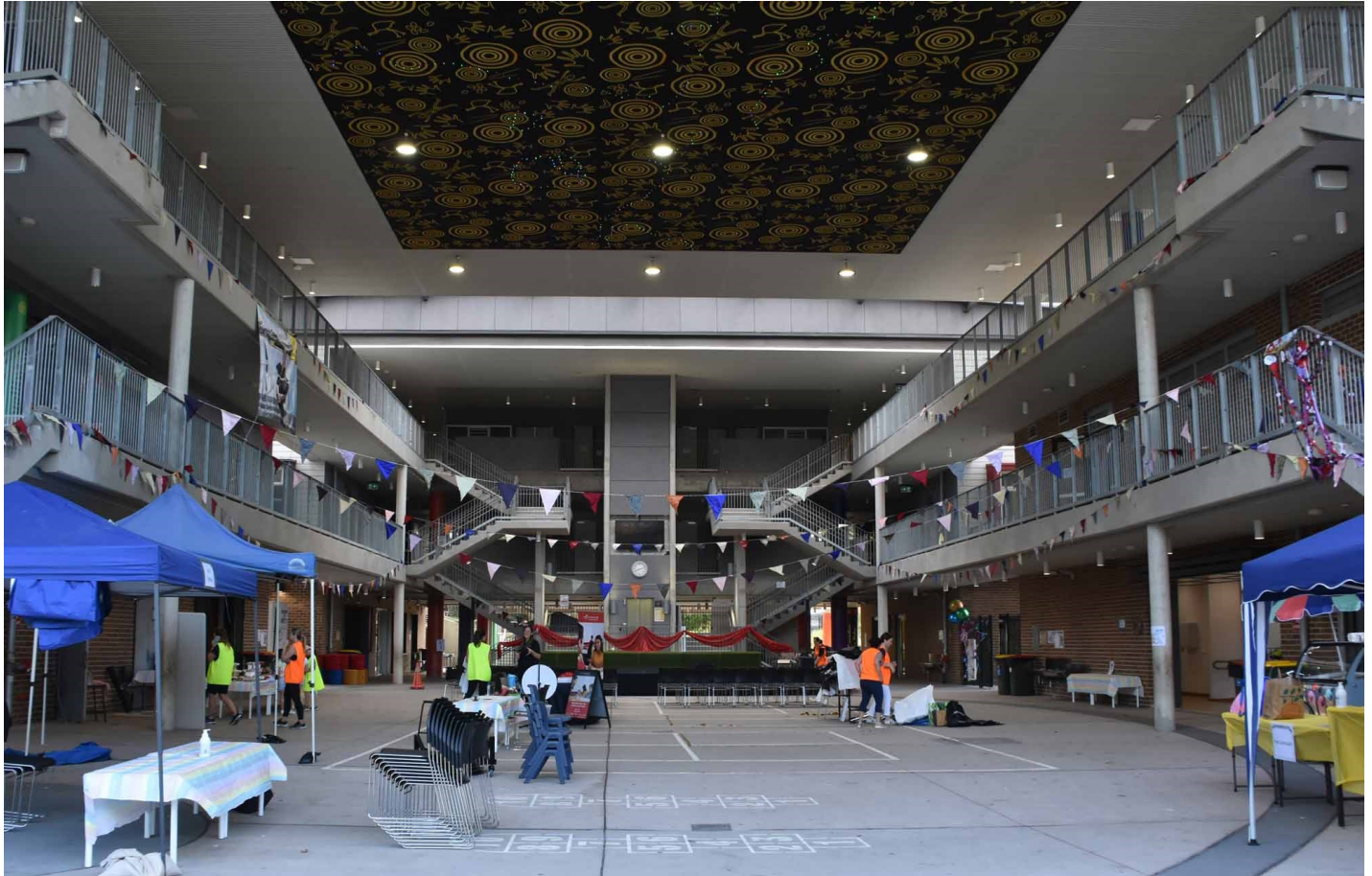
## The Simpsons

The Simpsons has been around for 35 years, the iconic series has 35 seasons and 2 episodes, 35 seasons, wow. Dan Castellaneta, Julie Kavner, Nancy Cartwright(BART), Yeardley Smith, Hank Azaria and Harry Shearer have been voicing over the characters for a long time. The first episode appeared in 1984 and continued since then.



Chartered 3rd May, 1973

# Kurrapundie



## THE LEGACY THAT LESLEY LEFT

Today I met Dan Spangler, Principal of Russell Lea Public School and we discussed Lesley's career. In 2017, Lesley Pike retired from Russell Lea Public School after 41 years in the job becoming the state's longest serving principal at one school, almost half of the school's 90 years.. She taught up to three generations of students, many who have graduated into careers where they make the world a better place and improve the lives of others. "This has not been a job, it's a way of life" she said. What I didn't know is that Dawn Pugh painted a portrait of Lesley which was entered in the 2017 Archibald. Before retiring though Lesley completed the rebuilding of the school which now includes the 'Lesley Pike' Library. Our Jim Simpson has had a long association with Lesley.

Rotary International President **R. Gordon R. McNally** announced his theme for the 2023-24 Rotary year, **'Create Hope in the World'**.

The goal is to restore hope to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and to help achieve lasting change emphasising the need for peace and continuity, including work to empower women and to work toward diversity, equity, and inclusion, while not neglecting our mission to end polio.



## "IF IT IS TO BE – IT IS UP TO ME."

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The Club meets Monday 6.45 for 7.00 pm at Club Five Dock,  
66 Great North Road Five Dock. Ph. 9712 2055 to check that we are meeting.

Contact our Secretary if you wish to join our meeting: [alaughlin21@optusnet.com.au](mailto:alaughlin21@optusnet.com.au)

Please visit our Website: <https://fivedockrotary.org.au/>

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in the WORLD

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**2024**

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## PROGRAMS



**LOWER  
PRIMARY**  
(5-7 years)



**UPPER  
PRIMARY**  
(8-11 years)



**SECONDARY**  
(High school  
students)

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- 🌿 Behind-the-scenes tour of our shelter.
- 🌿 Help our Animal Carers with their daily responsibilities.
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🌐 <https://events.humanitix.com/host/rspca-nsw>

**RSPCA**   
New South Wales





# KCENTRAL DAY

**A HUGE AFTERNOON OF CHRISTMAS  
GAMES, CRAFT, MUSIC, COOKING,  
BIBLE-BASED TEACHING AND HEAPS  
MORE FOR KIDS IN SCHOOL YEARS K-6!**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19**

**12.00PM - 4.00PM**

**ABBOTSFORD**

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