

Russell Lea
PUBLIC SCHOOL



Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2 Friday 3 February 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 6
First day for Kindergarten

February 15
Meet The Teacher

February 21
P&C Meeting

February 22
Swimming Carnival

March 6
School Photo Day

March 10
Pulse Alive Concert

March 20
Stage 3 Camp

Welcome Back

We start the 2023 school year with great hope, enthusiasm, and confidence. Greeting students as they arrive on the first day was an incredibly positive experience. Teachers and students were showered with smiles they reconnected with each other. Holidays are good but we all eventually miss school and the opportunities that it provides.

School staff have worked especially hard this year to ensure students are able to transition back to school smoothly and engage in meaningful learning from day one. Teachers have spent many hours preparing learning spaces and programs. In the first few weeks expectations are set and students develop routines which will set them up for the year ahead. On Monday we will welcome over 70 new students to RLPS as part of our 2023 Kindergarten cohort. This is a very special moment for our school and our new families. We wish them well in their journey with us and know that the RLPS community will support them every step of the way.

The school calendar is filling up fast and as always we direct you to our online calendar accessible via the link on the left of this page. We have Meet The Teacher, the Swimming Carnival, Stage 3 Camp, NAPLAN, Parent Teacher Interviews, the Pulse Alive Concert and excursions already scheduled this term. The first P&C meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday 21 February at 7:30 in the school hall. If you are interested in working with the school to improve opportunities for all students, please consider attending.

Dan Sprange
Principal

PSSA Sport

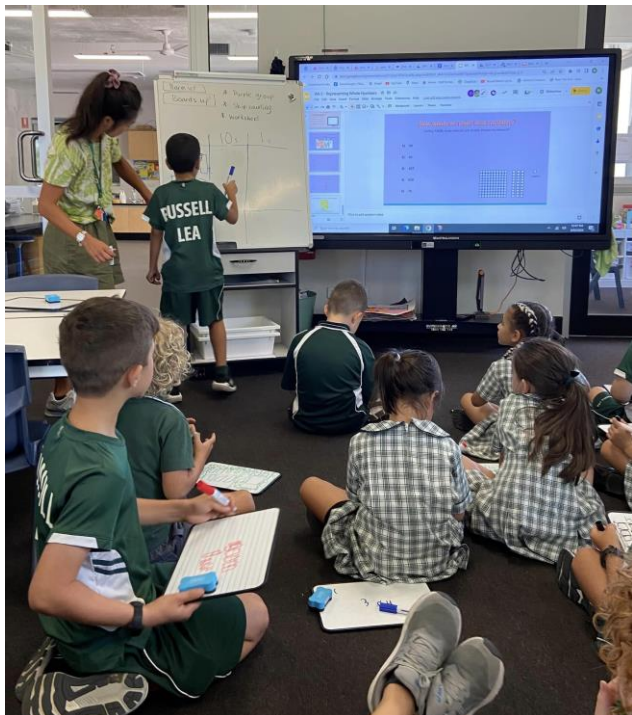
Each year students in years 3-6 have the opportunity to try out for interschool sport competition. There are winter and a summer competitions. This year basket ball will be introduced along side softball for the summer competition which runs in Terms 1 and 4. Students have to demonstrate appropriate skill to qualify for each team however with the addition of more teams there will be more opportunities for students. Students who don't qualify for a team participate in school based sport which is orientated to fun and skill building.

This week students participated in try outs for softball. They were given coaching and instruction on how to hit, throw and catch soft balls. Each student was given the chance to demonstrate these skills and qualify for the squad. Students team and collaboration skills are also considered. We wish all students well and know that win or lose their coaches will help them develop important social, mental and sporting skills.



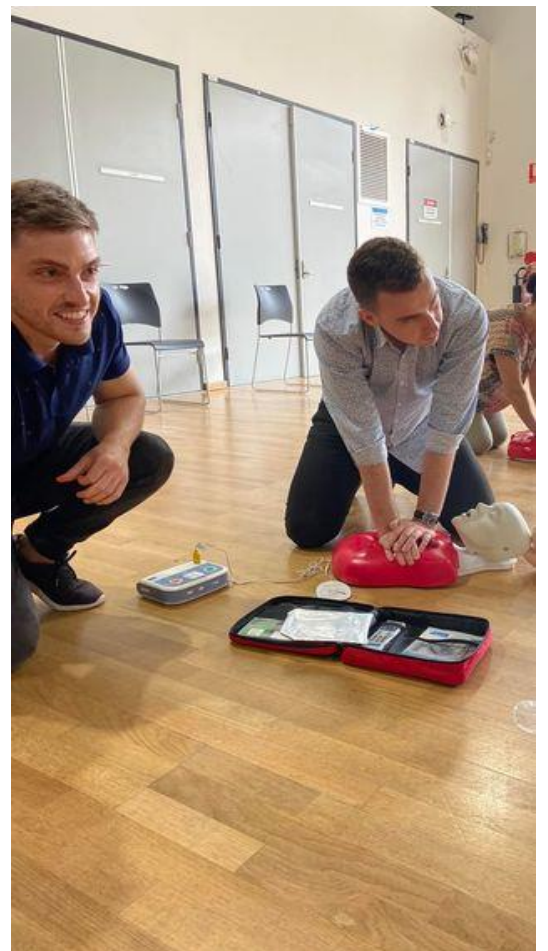
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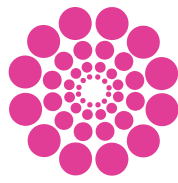
Every day of learning counts, especially the first couple of weeks of Term 1. Given this our leadership team and teachers commenced planning for 2023, including the formation of classes, in early Term 4 2022. This work enabled students to start in their 2023 classes from the first day of school. 2023 learning programs and assessments have been prepared and students are already making progress.



Teacher Development

Teaching is complex work requiring ongoing development, teamwork and collaboration. Our teachers take the responsibility of educating students very seriously. They invest many hours preparing and improving. With a new curriculum to implement much of our staff development time in the holidays was spent examining the new English curriculum and planning learning around this. Teachers also updated mandatory training with online and practical courses in emergency care and CPR.





AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR

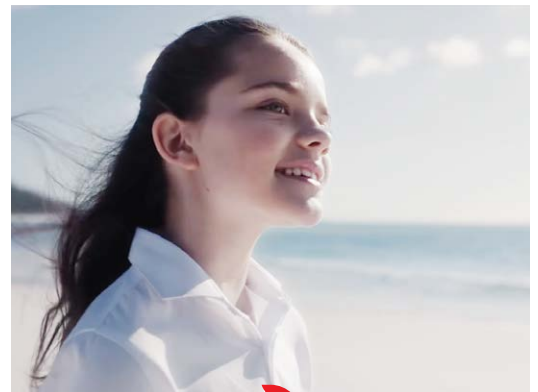


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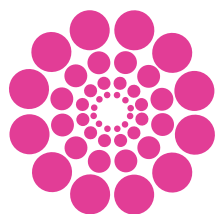
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What parents say

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The sessions were always focused, well planned and very stimulating. The children were privileged to have access to such a professional writer who was able to encourage and extend them. (parent of 10-year-old)

What participants say

I love the writing workshop soooooo much... (8-year-old)

I liked the way that it made me more creative and dramatic... I became less shy about presenting (11-year-old)



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