



Russell Lea
PUBLIC SCHOOL



Newsletter

Term 1 Week 8 Friday 17 March 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>

March 20
Stage 3 Camp

March 21
Harmony Day

March 25
State Election

March 27
Parent Teacher Interviews start (2 weeks)

March 31
Kindergarten Farm Excursion

April 6
Easter Hat Parade



Young Leaders, Acting Locally

Our local environment is our responsibility. As a school we have been trying to lower our impact on the local environment by participating in a Clean Up Australia Day event and making changes to how we manage the rubbish that comes in lunch boxes. The group of students pictured above have also taken it upon themselves to directly make improve the school environment. They have conducted their own clean up events and have started an education program on how we could do more and why it is important to think about the world beyond our neighbourhood. We will feature their thoughts and plans in more detail in a later newsletter.

Dan Sprange
Principal

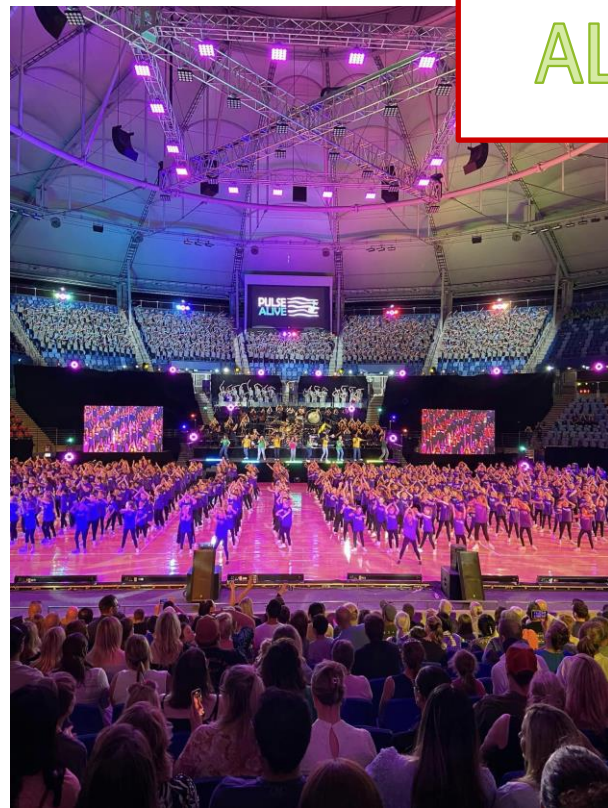
Basketball At RLPS

Basketball is a new sport at RLPS but you would not believe that if you attended our first two games this season. Our students have demonstrated excellent skills and character in every game and achieved big wins. We are lucky to have excellent facilities for basketball and a morning/afternoon program which is well attended each week. Parents have made good use of the convenient location and made the short walk to school to watch the games and support students. Thank you Ms Lee for coaching our teams so well and giving them the chance to demonstrate their skills and fair play.





PULSE ALIVE



Pulse Alive

It takes courage and commitment to have a go and represent the school in an extra-curricular activity. Our choir students understand this and have worked hard to be part of an incredible experience at Pulse Alive. They have practiced for many months and some very long days at the venue. The results were amazing. Those in attendance last Friday were given a magical experience and felt great pride in our students. Thank you to Livia, Ms Dolan and Mr Lye for creating the circumstances for our students to shine.



Parent Visitor Check In

All parents who attend school and remain on site during school hours are required to check in. This is an Education Department requirement and not a COVID safety measure. For example this process applies if you are attending school to watch basketball or help in the classroom. The check in process is completed using the online check in process in the front office. If you are picking your child up during school hours there is no need to complete the check in. Please note however it is preferred that you contact the office and advise in advance if you or a representative is picking up a student early. When completing an early pick up please attend the office and wait for your child to come to the office. Please do not attend the classroom or collect your child from the playground. Thank you for your assistance with these measures.

Student Safety at Pick Up Time

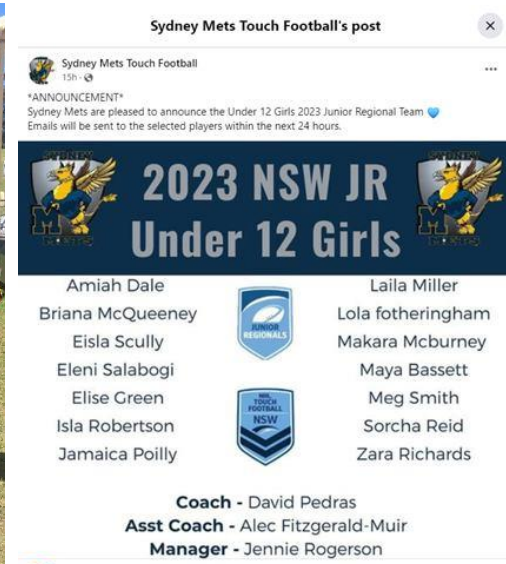
Each week we get reports about unsafe parking and driving behaviour during pick up time. We all have a responsibility to make sure our actions prioritise student safety over convenience. This means parking legally and avoiding double parking, parking at intersections, parking across driveways and parking on the kerb. Brent Street and Barnstaple Road are wide and offer plenty of parking a short walk from the school. If possible please use these streets. We have had a couple of near misses and it is of great concern to our community that these risks persist. If you have a concern that requires immediate action please contact the school and the council on 9911 6555.

Our Sporting Stars

Last month many of our students competed in regional competitions with great success. Some of these students qualified for the state championships.

Eisla competed in the recent Regional Athletics Championships and has been recognised for her outstanding performances in Touch Football. She has qualified for the Sydney Metropolitan Regional Team and will compete in Metropolitan competition on the Central Coast in April alongside a former RLPS student Sorcha. Congratulations girls and best of luck in April. She will also compete in the state PSSA competition in May.

Indi, Mala, Maddie, Paolo, Eisla and Isla competed in the Regional Athletics Championships. Maddie, Mala, Paolo and Isla qualified for the State Championships which will be run this weekend. We wish you well and look forward to seeing you compete at school events later in the year.



School Band

The RLPS School Band has reconvened and are working hard at rehearsals every Wednesday afternoon. We have some events planned and look forward to seeing them perform later in the year.

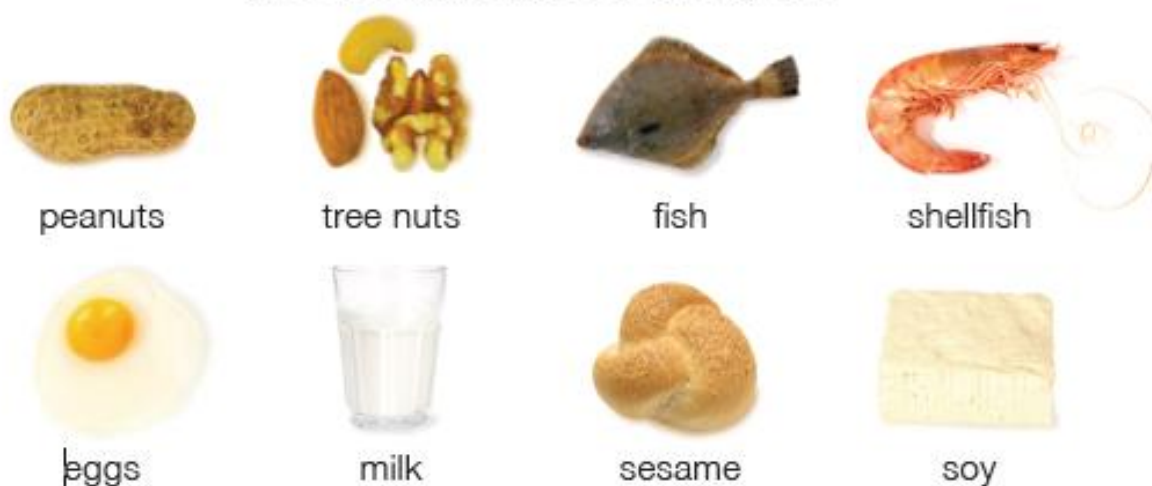


Managing Anaphylaxis

This week we initiated new eating arrangements at lunchtime. Instead of eating in the playground students eat inside in shared spaces and classrooms. This allows us to be more observant of what students are eating and how much they are eating. It also ensures lunchboxes are not lost in the playground and rubbish is less likely to be discarded inappropriately. Teachers can also observe and monitor students who are at risk of anaphylaxis. All staff are trained in how to identify and respond to anaphylaxis and each learning area has an accessible EpiPen. Given the serious implications of an anaphylactic episode we require parents to ensure they do not pack common allergens in lunch boxes. These include all nuts and nut products, fish and eggs. Please support our students by choosing other options and explaining to your child that they should never share food.

It is estimated that up to 400,000 (2%) Australians, including 1 in 20 children suffer from food allergies and some of these will experience a life-threatening, allergic reaction called anaphylaxis.

most common food allergens



Uniforms and Lost Property

Our school has many uniform options for students and these options have been based on extensive consultation via the uniform committee. Examples of these options are provided on the following pages. Please note there is no hierarchy from the available options and full school uniform does not imply girls are required to wear the RLPS dress. Sport uniforms are not considered full school uniform and should be worn on sport days to ensure students are comfortable and appropriately covers for activities like gymnastics. We understand it can be hard to make sure a clean uniform is available every day and will never criticise your child about the uniform they have been provided with. Please ensure all uniforms are labelled as we have a large amount of unnamed lost property accumulate each month.

We are very grateful one of our parents Jamie, has generously offered to complete a review of lost property each month. She will sort and return items to classes and then clean and prepare any unnamed items in good/clean condition for a second hand stall. It is likely these items will be made available as the weather gets cooler in preparation for winter.

Excursion Payments

When excursions are organised fees are allocated and distributed equally based on the number of students in a class/year. If a student is scheduled to attend and then cannot attend for some reason their booking still has to be paid for. Without this provision the school incurs these costs. Unless advance notice of exceptional circumstances is given, these fees must be paid regardless of attendance. If your family is experiencing financial difficulty school support is available. To access this support please book a time to speak to Mr Sprange.

Phonics

Phonics is the main way in which children at Russell Lea Public School are taught to read in their earliest years. It is a method for learning reading and spelling through the decoding of the alphabetic language. Phonics, taught in a structured way, is generally accepted to be the most effective way to teach reading and spelling. Being able to decode words is a word recognition strand of reading. Learners are taught reading and spelling, using an explicit, systematic phonics lesson, daily throughout the week. Each session follows a structured and progressive format. These take the form of explicit teacher led sessions that are complimented with individual practice using games and activities. Teachers assess student understanding throughout each session and routinely assess knowledge of graphemes and the application of this knowledge in reading and spelling, to see whether the learner is ready to move on to the next phase of their learning.

In 2021, K-2 teachers took part in a considerable amount of Professional Development to improve their understanding of phonics and their capacity to enhance student outcomes through their teaching and assessing. As a result of this, RLPS have achieved results that are significantly higher than the state average in both the 2021 and 2022 mandated Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. The Department of Education recently released an update of the 2022 phonics results across the state. The below table outlines how our school results compared in the latest assessment.

To see the complete 2022 Phonics update visit:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/about-us/educational-data/cese/2023-phonics-screening-check-2022-update.pdf>

2022 Result - School V State

Area	2022 Result - School	2022 Result - State
Fluent (green)	83.33%	55%
Score over 32	79.16%	Not listed
Full Score	19%	Not listed
Developing (yellow)	11%	18%
Struggling (red)	6%	27%
Mean Average Mark	34.04 (85%)	26 (65%)



HOW TO SUPPORT AT HOME?

- Practise segmenting and blending
- Encourage decoding of unfamiliar words when reading
- Support your child to complete their phonics homework
- Practise new sounds and graphemes
- Practice reading and spelling High Frequency Words
- Use Decodable Readers to explicitly practice application of phonics knowledge
- Read to and with your child everyday



Don't forget to log on to the Apps to complete further phonics practice at home.

UNISEX UNIFORM OPTIONS

All Seasons
Green Piped Polo
\$30



All Seasons
Green Sports T-Shirt
\$30



All Seasons
Green Zip Up Jacket
\$55



Winter
Green Jumper
\$25



Unisex
All Seasons
Green Piped Sports Shorts
\$28



All Seasons
Green Piped Track Pants
\$39



GIRLS UNIFORM OPTIONS

All Seasons
Green Sports T-Shirt
\$30



Girls All Seasons Dress
\$55



Winter
Green Stockings
\$10



Unisex
Green Flap Hat (with logo)
One Size
\$10



All Seasons
Girls Green Piped Skort
\$33



Guide Only
Black School Shoes



Bottle Green Socks
\$2.50



Unisex
Green Wide Brim Hat (no logo)
XS-S, S-M, M-L
\$10

BOYS UNIFORM OPTIONS

Bottle Green Socks
\$2.50



Guide Only
Black School Shoes

All Seasons
Green Piped Polo
\$30



Summer
Boys Grey Shorts
\$20

Winter
Green Jumper
\$25



Winter
Boys Grey Pants
\$25

All Seasons
Green Sports T-Shirt
\$30



Unisex
All Seasons
Green Piped Sports Shorts
\$28

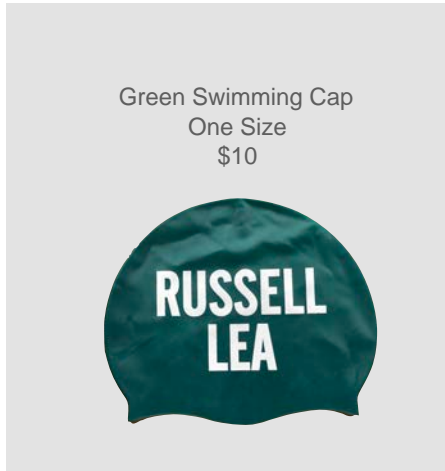
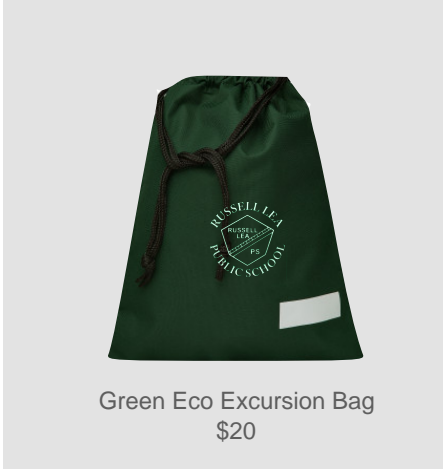
Unisex
Green Flap Hat (with logo)
One Size
\$10



Unisex
Green Wide Brim Hat (no logo)
XS-S, S-M, M-L
\$10



ACCESSORIES



RUSSELL LEA

PUBLIC SCHOOL

UNISEX UNIFORM K - 6

	PRICE	SIZES
Green Piped Short Sleeve Polo	\$30	4 - 16
Green V Neck Jumper	\$25	4 - 16
Green Zip Up Jacket	\$55	4 - 16
Green Piped Track Pants	\$39	4 - 16
Green Sports T-Shirt	\$30	4 - 16
Green Piped Sports Shorts	\$28	4 - 16

GIRLS UNIFORM K - 6

	PRICE	SIZES
Girls All Seasons Dress	\$55	4 - 16
Girls Piped Skort	\$33	4 - 16

BOYS UNIFORM K - 6

	PRICE	SIZES
Boys Grey Shorts	\$20	4 - 16
Boys Grey Long Pants	\$25	4 - 16

ACCESSORIES K - 6

	PRICE	SIZES
Green Flap Hat (with logo)	\$10	One Size
Green Wide Brim Hat	\$10	XS-S, S-M, M-L
Green Stockings	\$10	7-10, 11-14
Green Socks	\$2.50	9-12, 13-3, 2-8
Green School Bag	\$50	One Size
Green Eco Excursion Bag	\$20	One Size
Green Swimming Cap	\$10	One Size
Raincoats	\$15	S, M, L
Girls Hair Tie	\$2 each	One Size

UNIFORM SHOP

All orders can be placed online via FlexiSchools or the FlexiSchool app. Alternately you can fill in a Uniform Order Form available in SchoolBag or the school office.

Orders are processed by the uniform shop on Tuesdays and Fridays of every week during school terms. Complete orders will be given to your child by their teacher to take home.

Parents can also visit the uniform shop on these days between 8:30-9:00am to see for sizing & purchase items.

Please email all enquires to russelllea-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

DRAMA SCENE

DRAMA CLASSES AT RUSSELL LEA

TRIAL SPOTS AVAILABLE

KINDERGARTEN UP TO YEAR 6

Wednesday Lunch Times



**TRIAL WEEKS
AVAILABLE!**

Enrol Easily On Website

www.dramascene.com.au

WHATSAPP Steph 0407 235 914



CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, TOYS & BOOKS SWAP

Join The Clothing Exchange and City of Canada Bay

SATURDAY, 1 APRIL 2023
SUSTAINABLE SATURDAY
GREENLEES PARK, CONCORD

Check in: 11am–12pm
Swap starts: 12pm

Bring up to six items of clothing, books or toys that
are in good condition to swap for different items!

Registrations essential at bit.ly/ccbswap or scan the QR code.



City of
Canada Bay



school HOLIDAY program

Are you aged 5-15 years?
Do you have a passion for animals?
Want to make some new furry friends?






Then join the RSPCA NSW Education Team
for the upcoming School Holiday Program!

rspcansw.org.au

RSPCA 
New South Wales



SESSIONS INCLUDE

-  A behind-the-scenes tour of our shelters
-  Making enrichment toys
-  Meeting a variety of shelter animals
-  Talks from various roles at the RSPCA
-  Exploring how our Inspectors perform rescues and enforce the law

PROGRAMS



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



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



SECONDARY
(12-15 years)

Sydney Adoption and Education Centre
201 Rookwood Road, Yagoona NSW 2199

To express your interest, please visit our website:
rspcansw.org.au/what-we-do/education/school-holiday-program/

If you would like more information,
contact the Education Team on:



(02) 9782 4478



education@rspcansw.org.au



Multicultural Street Meet

SATURDAY 18 MARCH 2023
FROM 11AM

**UNITY PLACE &
BURWOOD LIBRARY
AND COMMUNITY HUB**

Enjoy activities and performances from cultures all around the world including music, dancing, games, crafts, sports, workshops, storytelling and more!

Complete a diversity scavenger hunt, and explore some of the cultures that make up the Burwood LGA.

Artwork by Karla Hayes,
David Cragg, Noni Cragg
Storylines (featuring
Kirli Saunders)



**SCAN FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

<https://qrco.de/streetmeet>



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