



Russell Lea
PUBLIC SCHOOL



Newsletter

Term 1 Week 11 Friday 6 April 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>

April 25
ANZAC DAY

April 26
Students return Term 2

May 8-12
Healthy Harold

May 9
P&C Meeting

May 11
Mother's Day Stall

Term 1 2023

On the last day of Term 1 students, staff and parents have much to be proud of.

Each day students and teachers have shown great courage as they walk into the classroom and challenge themselves to be better than they were the day before. This term has been particularly special for our many new students and new teachers. While they have had a steep learning curve, they have also had a fertile and supportive environment in which to grow. I particularly acknowledge our Kindergarten students for the way in which they have successfully made the transition to school life. Starting school is a big step for young children and our Kindergarten students have shown great character along the way. They seem to develop so much in the first year of school, managing previously difficult tasks intuitively and becoming independent with many daily activities.

Our teachers end Term 1 having given so much energy to understanding and meeting the needs of each child. They take the responsibility of student learning seriously. They care about each student and take the time to understand the complex and sometimes demanding ways in which students communicate their needs. While they have earned their break, most will dedicate much of this time to ensuring they are well planned for Term 2.

This term has seen many parents contribute in small, large and always meaningful, ways. Our community shares the responsibility for making our school the best place possible for students. Throughout the term we have seen parents generously jump in when we needed help, come up with initiatives to improve what we do, and collaboratively engage in dialogue about sometimes difficult issues. This partnership means we reach more students and provide more opportunity.

At the end of the term we are grateful for the shared nature of education at RLPS and the collective growth achieved.

Dan Sprange
Principal

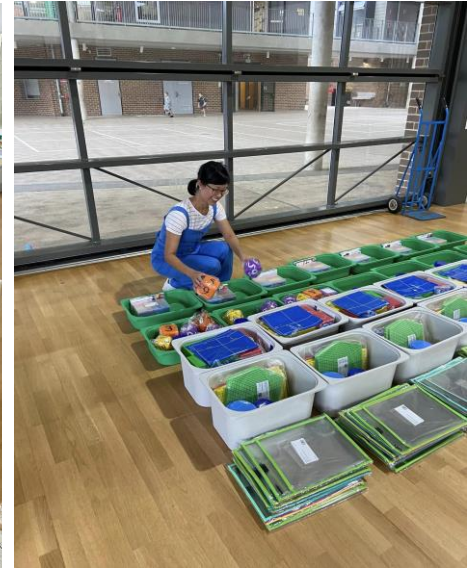
Executive Director Visit

In March RLPS had the pleasure of hosting Martin Graham, Executive Director (School Improvement Metropolitan South). He learnt about our approach to student and teacher learning. He toured classrooms and met with students and teachers. We have a lot to celebrate and we are grateful to be able to share our work with him.



Masses Of Maths Resources!

In February Ms Dolan asked our parents (through the P&C) for support to fund quality maths equipment for every class. \$18,000 worth of equipment was approved and ordered, and parent volunteers worked for several hours to organise them for classrooms. It takes a community to build a school. Thank you.



Harmony Day

Harmony Day is about ensuring everyone belongs and each child feels valued. At RLPS we use a positive psychology approach which introduces students to 24 internationally recognised character strengths. These strengths are common across cultures and give individuals the opportunity to understand what makes them unique. Strong wellbeing outcomes are assured when a child understands their strengths and has the opportunity to use them productively in their daily life. We champion these strengths through the Mrs G Shield and the associated weekly focus strength. On Harmony Day students created art which emphasised how our individual strengths combine to create a harmonious whole. Happy Harmony Day students. We see you and value the strengths you demonstrate every day.



In 1/2MY we fit
together like
pieces of a puzzle!



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Can You Help?

Each year we have a constant battle with lost and unclaimed school uniform. One of our new parents has stepped in to help. She noticed the problem and has come up with a solution as you will read below. Thank you Jaime.

Hello Parents of Russell Lea

My name is Jamie, and I'm a mother of 3, with my daughter attending kindy this year. What a delight our school community is!

With the assistance of Cheryl Palmer-Barrett and Alison Murrow, we are overhauling our lost property process in an effort to make our playground just as delightful!

The Plan:

- *Daily: We will do sweeps of the playground so that all lost property will be in 1 place – the Black Bin near the lift.*
- *Weekly: To address the large amount of lost property in the playground we will clean any unlabelled items (ie plastic lunchboxes/water bottles) and donate them to Vinnies.*
- *Monthly: We will do a clear out of lost property and will return all labelled items to classrooms (and before the end of each term)*

We need your help!

- *Please remember to LABEL EVERYTHING (jackets, jumpers, hats, lunch boxes, water bottles etc). Any lost property that is unlabelled/not collected by the last day of Term 1 will be sold at the second hand uniform stall or donated to charity in the first week of next term. Date TBC.*
- *Let's get the kids on board too! I'm sure we all feel the parental frustration/cost of replacing lost items! Please have a chat with your child(ren) to remind them of the importance of being responsible for their belongings, and when the bell rings ask them take stock of everything before they head back to their classrooms.*

If they are missing an item, expect it to be in the BLACK BUCKET beside the lift. To keep the lost property at a manageable level, please remind your children to check the bucket on a regular basis. Or if they find some lost property to put it there.

Donations to the Second Hand Uniform Stall

Please ensure any DONATIONS of used uniforms to the secondhand uniform store are handed to the office and ONLY include:

- *Official uniform stock, and not items purchased from department stores (Kmart/Target etc). Very/good used condition (not faded with tears or holes)*

No other items are accepted for donations (including shoes).

Please let me know if you would like to Volunteer or if you have any suggestions for getting the kids more involved/invested in Keeping RLPS Beautiful.

Thank you and we appreciate your help and support in keeping our school playground tidy.



Rex receiving 2nd place for Boys 9yrs 50M Freestyle



Girls 8-10 4 x 50m Relay Team – (L-R) Isla, Skye Harriet, Audrey
Placed 8th in Regionals, these girls beat their Zone entry time by 10.25 seconds!



Boys 8-10 4 x 50m Relay Team – (L-R) Jake, Arden, Rex, Archie. The boys took 8.78 seconds off their Zone time and were placed 15th overall.

Regional Swimming

The Sydney East Regional Swimming Championships were held on Monday 13 March at a Sydney's Olympic Park. There were many RLPS swimmers representing the Inner West PSSA zone. Everyone put in their best effort and did themselves and Russell Lea proud. There was much cheering from the side-lines and a fantastic night of swimming. Lots of personal best and time improvements by the swimmers. Best of luck to Rex Wilson who was took 2nd place in the Boys 9 – 50m Freestyle. Rex will be swimming at the State Carnival in the first week of April. Thank you Narelle Horton for this report.



Girls 11-13 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay Team (L-R) April, Erica, Camille (sub for an injured Georgina, Audrey)
The girls relay team improved on their Zone Carnival time placing themselves 13th overall in the Region



Congratulations to Rex Wilson who swam at the NSW PSSA state swimming carnival on Wednesday the 5/4/2023. He competed in the u9s 50 metre freestyle. He did a PB by almost a second with 36.82



April School Holiday Workshops

Thursday 13th

Hobby Horses & Unicorns

Friday 14th

'Seas' the Day Sailboat! - FULL

9am - 12pm

\$50 each

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

SMS Michelle 0423 351 107

@ St.Andrews Church Hall

40 Bay Rd Russell Lea





Stage 3 Camp

Stage 3 Camp to Canberra is a wonderful tradition. This year students managed to see and do a lot in during their 3 day visit, including meeting Sally Sitou, Federal Member for Reid at Parliament House. This opportunity provided students with the chance to focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. We acknowledge the \$30 per student rebate provided by the Australian Government under the Civics Education Rebate program. Thank you to Mr Ainsworth, Stage 3 teachers and our Learning and Support Officers for making this event fun and educational.



Term 2 Art Classes @ RLPS

Get ready for Term 2 Art Classes at Russell Lea Public School.
The term begins in **week 2 (NO CLASSES IN WEEK 1)** for a 9 week term.

Spaces are limited to 15 students per class

Enrolment is now open!

Please email to reserve your child's spot for Term 2!!!

Junior Clay and Drawing Wednesday Afternoon

3.00pm-5.00pm - Kindy to Yr 3 - \$240

(May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st and June 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th)

This class will be taught by Ebony Russell and Anne Kwasner. Students will explore hand-building with clay and drawing and painting techniques.

Morning Artscapes

8am-9am - Open to all years - \$190

Exploring all forms of art 2D & 3D

Thursday Morning

(May 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and June 1st, 8th, 15th, 22st, 29th)

Friday Morning

(May 5rd, 12th, 19th, 26th and June 2st, 9th, 16th, 2rd, 30th)

For more information and to reserve a spot
please email

hello@ebonyrussell.com

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KIDS
GARDENING
CLASSES AT FLOWER POWER

11AM WEEKDAYS

Tue 11 – Fri 14 April & Mon 17 – Fri 21 April

No classes on Easter Mon 10 April

No booking required



Kids under 5 must be accompanied by an adult
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