



Russell Lea
PUBLIC SCHOOL



Newsletter

Term 2 Week 6 Friday 2 June 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>

June 6
Yarning Circle Opening

12 June
King's Birthday Holiday

June 21
Athletics Carnival

June 23
Spotlight Dance Festival

June 26
Stage 1 Excursion

June 30
Last day of Term 2



Work hard, be your best

RLPS had a very successful day at the Zone Cross Country last week. Our students won three races outright and placed highly in most of the others. These strong results meant RLPS was awarded every shield from this event, as we were the most successful school in both proportional and outright categories.

Those watching our runners would have noticed how hard each of them pushed towards the end of each race. Irrespective of their place in the field our runners worked hard to get the best result. Several runners passed two or three competitors in the final straight and none showed any sign of giving up or taking it easy.

As children get older natural talent becomes less important and hard work, commitment and a focus on goals becomes more important. We acknowledge our Cross Country Team for leading the way and inspiring all students to be their best. They have shown us that in whatever you do, being your best requires you to try your best.

Dan Sprange
Principal

NSW Police Band

This week we were fortunate to host the NSW Police Band. The Police Band is usually booked out several years in advance, as they have a busy schedule of official events across the state each year. The band entertained our students with many familiar songs and engaged them with questions and demonstrations of each instrument. Ms Grisdale joined the band for the day as she is also a professional musician. The visit concluded with Police Band and the RLPS Band combining for two pieces and in doing so inspired many of our students to consider learning an instrument. We thank the Police Band for taking the time to visit and Ms Lee for organizing their attendance.



Vocabulary Instruction

The new English syllabus for K-10 requires all students to develop a greater understanding of how to effectively use vocabulary of different tiers in spoken and written text to increase the precision of, and reader engagement in, their writing.

The syllabus distinguishes between three tiers of vocabulary:

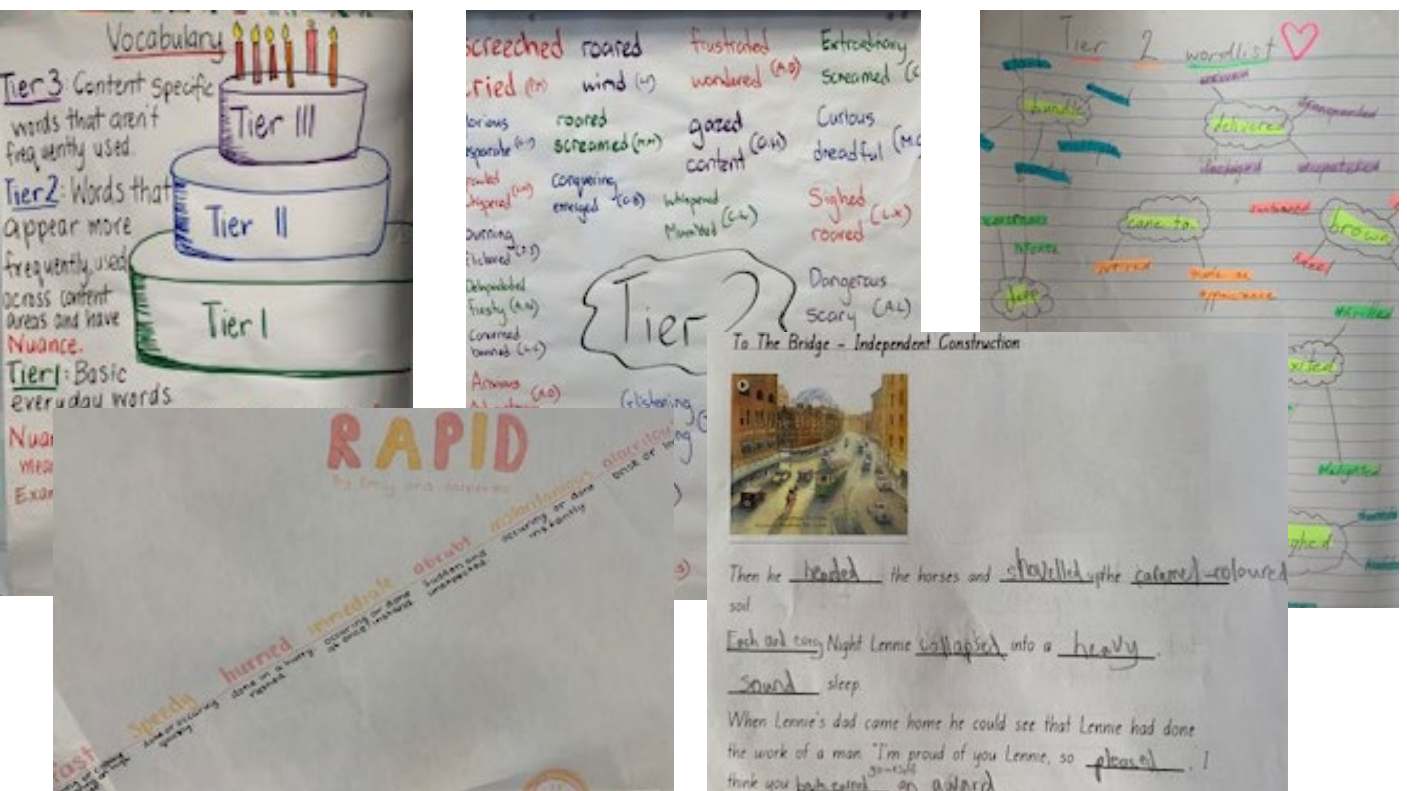
Tier 1 refers to basic words that are common in spoken language. These are learned by children through everyday conversation without the need for explicit teaching.

Tier 2 refers to words that occur more often in mature language situations and in written text. Examples include *iconic, masterpiece, wealth, benefit, amiable*. These types of words are explicitly taught to support reading comprehension and increased descriptive writing.

Tier 3 refers to words that occur in specific domains. Students learn these words as the specific need arises. For example, the word *photosynthesis* in science, *onomatopoeia* in literacy, *percentage* in mathematics.

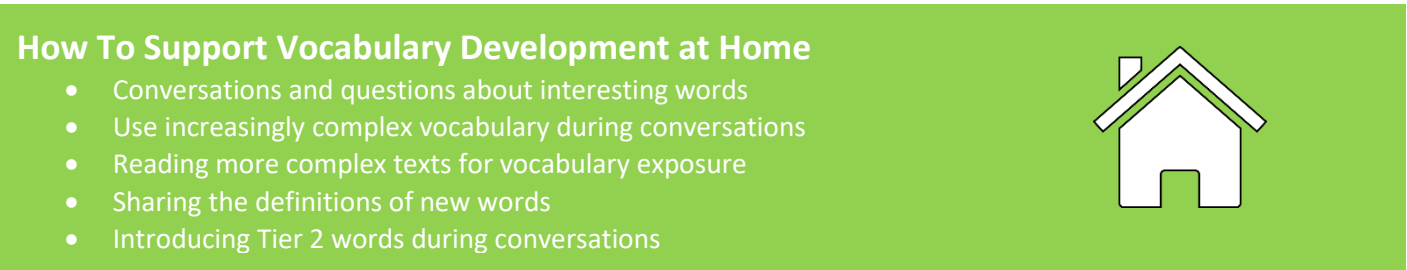
At Russell Lea Public School, teachers are being supported by Miss Dolan (APC&I) to plan and deliver explicit Tier 2 vocabulary lessons during Conceptual English sessions. Teachers are using quality texts to introduce students to new vocabulary, before completing activities that develop knowledge of word nuance and encourage use of the new words in their own texts. This is supported by The Department of Education's *Vocabulary in Context* guides.

To view the guides, please follow the links below.



How To Support Vocabulary Development at Home

- Conversations and questions about interesting words
- Use increasingly complex vocabulary during conversations
- Reading more complex texts for vocabulary exposure
- Sharing the definitions of new words
- Introducing Tier 2 words during conversations



Debating

The Premiers Debating challenge has commenced and we are enjoying seeing our students put their minds together to field strong arguments. To date we have had one win, a narrow loss and lots of learning. Opportunities like this are part of our Gifted and High Potential program and are completely dependent on teachers volunteering their time to coordinate events and teams. We acknowledge Ms Ellis for her ongoing time and effort in bringing these opportunities to students.



Talkfest Public Speaking Competition

After completion of the class-based rounds last week the Talkfest Public Speaking finals were held this week to determine who will represent RLPS in the inter-school round. Students demonstrated great courage and skill to produce clear and well-reasoned perspectives on various multicultural issues in the prepared and impromptu speech categories. Congratulations to the winners in each category:

Stage 2:

Isla Chauncy - 3/4R

Winnie Rolfe - 3/4C

Stage 3:

Ava Ngo - 5/6A

Raphael Mestric - 5/6S



Parent Partnerships

It is said it takes a village to raise a child and this is definitely the case at RLPS. Our parents contribute in many ways to improve student experiences and what we do as a school. Both Linda and Jamie have made our school a better place recently. Jamie took charge of our lost property, finding new homes for lost uniforms with a second hand stall, and Linda has been running extra training for our Cross Country Team. Thank you both for making our school a great place to be a student.



Dogs At School

Many RLPS families have lovely dogs and we enjoy seeing them get excited as they see their student owners at pick up time. Please be aware however that we have several students with allergies and fear of dogs. It can be quite traumatic for these students to be surprised by a dog at pick up or drop off. Please assist us by not bringing your dog inside school grounds. If you need to leave them unattended it is requested, they be secured to a location which is away from the main gates. This gives students who need to avoid them a chance to choose an alternative route. Thanks for your cooperation.

National School Reform Agreement

You may be aware that the Australian Government has established an Expert Panel to inform the next National School Reform Agreement. This week the Expert Panel is releasing a survey to get the views of teachers, parents and students. This is all about ensuring those directly involved in the education system get a say in how we make it better and fairer. Survey participants will be able to have their say on range of issues including:

Improving education outcomes
Supporting student mental health and wellbeing, and
Attracting and retaining teachers.

The Expert Panel, led by Dr Lisa O'Brien AM, will report to Education Ministers at the end of October on the practical reforms that should be tied to funding in the next National School Reform Agreement.

The survey is available to complete [here](#) and will be open until Friday, 23 June 2023.



WHEN: Saturdays (8 weeks - Pro Rata)

Toddlers	2-3.5 years	9:30am - 10:15am (with adult)	\$180
Preschoolers	3.5 - 5 years	11am - 12pm (with adult)	\$220
Primary	Kindy - Year 6	1pm - 2:30pm (drop off)	\$260

WHERE: St. Andrew's Church Hall, 40 Bay Rd, Russell Lea

BOOK: www.littlelorikeetsartstudio.com.au



ARCO

RLPS has an Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO). The role of the ARCO depends on the school context but generally they provide advice on anti-racism in schools. They assist teachers to access resources which build awareness and understanding of the impacts of racism and promote upstander responses to incidents of racism for staff and students. With staff they address complaints of racism involving students through approaches such as restorative practice which promote respectful behaviours. They work with the principal to formulate responses to racism and can manage complaints of racism made by students against other students. Learning about anti-racism is embedded in school curriculum and students are given age appropriate information which helps them develop the confidence to respond to any racist events at or beyond school.

COVID Procedures

Each week we continue to receive reports of positive COVID cases amongst students. If your child has COVID please advise the school and keep your child at home until they are symptom free. Students do not need to stay at home if they are symptom free. RAT kits are still available from the office if you need them

Do you love to sing?
Join us in June!



Aurora Australis Chorus is looking for new members – could it be you?

We're a group of women who love to sing together in 4-part harmony. We sing all sorts of music – contemporary songs, ballads, 60s favourites, as well as Australian and Christmas songs. We're not trained singers but we will give you training in proper singing technique and you don't need to be able to read music! We love all kinds of voices, both high and low (we LOVE low!)

Come along to one of our open nights in June – Thursdays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th at 7.30pm at the Community Centre 11 Wellbank St, Concord, NSW. To help us prepare for you, let us know you're coming by emailing aurorasings22@gmail.com Check out our website for more information or find us on Facebook.

www.auroraaustralis.org.au

Russell Lea Telegraph

Made by Luca. M, Casper. C, Cooper. F and Charlie. W of stage 3

Week 4-5

New School news

Alright, how do we start this? This is a school newspaper that's made of paper. If you think that your parents might be interested then yes we advise you to show them this. This will alert you for Zooper Dooper Days, Donation Days, Mufti Days and a lot more. These school newspapers are made by Charlie Wara, Casper Crothers and Luca Montrone. We are sure that this little newspaper will be a great start to a bigger, happier school.

Handball

There is one game that sticks its head out throughout the school and that is handball. The sport is not yet an all-school game but it has some huge opponents like Levi

Edwards, Tom Fish, Jack Johnston and a lot more. As we move through the years at Russell Lea Public School, it has become a handball-loving school. Handball is a game that is fun and exciting. We reckon you should try it out. Also, Levi, Casper and Mr Glendening are creating a Handball Tournament. It will cost 2\$ to enter. With all the money raised they will donate half to Children's Hospital and the other half to Make-a-wish Foundation. I wish the best for them.

Interviews of W4

Let's see what teachers think about this question. "How's your students been this week?" Miss Pearce says " I've been very impressed with the way my students have gotten through their work this week. We've had a lot to do and they always do it with a smile on their faces." It seems like Miss Pearce is very pleased with her students.

On to Miss Yuen. "They've learnt a lot of maths this week, particularly the jump strategy. They've been on task and very focused this week." She seems very impressed. Good job 1/20. Mrs Ellis said " In KE we've learnt a lot about subtraction and learnt the diagrams 'ch' and 'sh'.

KE is beautiful. They've also done portraits with the line of symmetry." Me and Charlie even got to have a look at some of their portraits. Nice work KE! Last off Miss O. "They've had a great week and they learnt the jump strategy." Everyone's been learning the jump strategy. "We've been mostly good but still things to improve on." Nice week at this school!

Upcoming Events

In our school we always have fundraisers. There are some upcoming events which include a handball tournament and a fundraiser from Lincoln and Luca. They will be helping to raise money for a new ball basket to store the balls for lunch and recess. There's a possible chance of a Zooper Dooper day coming up. The money from Zooper Dooper Day goes to charities like Stewart House and other worthy causes around Sydney.

Getting Out Doors

These days kids stay stuck on their PS4 or whatever, and sit there for a long time, while time flies by. So we advise you to get outdoors because as a gamer myself I've found that gaming can harm your eyesight, plus what's better

than walking your dog or shooting basketball hoops to brighten your day and mindset? I think you should go touch grass instead of playing on that PC or PlayStation.

IWPSSA W4

IWPSSA stands for Inner West Primary Schools Sports Association. Students try out for the sports teams which are Netball and Soccer in the Winter. Softball for the years 5/6 and T-ball for the years 3/4 and basketball in the summer. In W4 the senior soccer boys won with a score of 2-0 and a loss for the juniors 1-4. The junior girls A team won 4 nil and the B team lost with a score of 2-5. The senior team won with a score of 2-0. Good job to our soccer teams playing well. For netball, the senior A team lost with a score of 15-30 but they played their hearts out. The Senior B team won 11-1. The junior B team won 13-4 with the junior A team lost 1-0. IWPSSA is a great way to spend your Friday.

Happy Birthday

On week 5 Friday it was Miss Mui's birthday. She said that it was embarrassing after all of the Stage 3 students

were shouting happy birthday to her. Happy 29th Miss Muil!!

Interviews of W5

This week has been pretty nice if you ask me. Miss Stanizzo says "They have been working hard and I am very proud of them for their efforts with their PAT tests." Mr Lye says "The kids in KL have been pretty good. Their listening skills are getting better." While Mr Robertson says " We've been pretty well-behaved, and I would like to give a shoutout to every kid that made a speech for Talkfest. It was hard to pick who went to the next round." Well there you have it, that is just some of the good news about the week.

Maths Olympiad

Maths Olympiad is a place where you can do extra maths and do competitions led by Miss Lee. The team has some upcoming events on June 3rd and 4th. Good luck! Daniel on the team said " Maths Olympiad is like extra homework but better"

Ethics classes at Russell Lea Public School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Could you or someone you know be an ethics teacher or ethics coordinator for our school.

We are seeking volunteers so that we can provide ethics classes for all the families who have requested it for their children. We currently have a vacancy for a Year 3 ethics teacher and new teachers are needed each year. We are also seeking a new coordinator.

Volunteers can be parents, grandparents, other relatives, members of the community etc.

Full training is provided by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training for ethics teachers consists of a two day workshop (or four 2.5 hour Zoom sessions) and short online modules. The ethics coordinator training is one 3 hour Zoom session. Lesson materials are provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills and teachers must be available on Tuesday, 9.00–9.30am each week. The coordinator does not need to be available at any specific time.

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure.

Children discuss topics such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au and/or contact me at laurawoodall40@gmail.com for more information.

Laura Woodall
Ethics Coordinator

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2023

Winter Holiday Camps

Camp 1 July 3rd to 7th

(Monday to Friday) 9am - 1pm

\$250 per child (\$50 per day) incl.GST

Camp 2 July 10th to 14th

(Monday to Friday) 9am - 1pm

\$250 per child (\$50 per day) incl.GST

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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

Preferred days and times: _____