



Russell Lea
PUBLIC SCHOOL



Newsletter

Term 1 Week 4 Friday 23 February 2024

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 2
P&C Welcome Event

March 4
School Photo Day

March 13
NAPLAN Starts

March 15
Pulse Alive Concert

March 22
Kindergarten Excursion

March 28
Easter Hat Parade

April 3
Stage 1 and Stage 2
Excursions



2024 Swimming Carnival

The year does not feel like it has really started until the Swimming Carnival has been run. Mr Ainsworth delivered the weather and a very smoothly organised event. As always timing and starting was expertly managed by our wonderful 'swim squad' parents. It was pleasing to see so many students have a go and swim in as many events as possible. We have great admiration for those students who entered races despite knowing they would have to work hard just to finish. They showed up, achieved their best and did their houses proud. We have some incredibly capable swimmers at RLPS and this year over 20 records were broken. We know how hard these top achievers work to get these results and admire their dedication to excellence. Our teacher relay team has lots to learn however, maybe next year? A photo summary is provided on the next page and full results will be published after the awards assembly next Thursday.

Dan Sprange
Principal

2024 Swimming Carnival



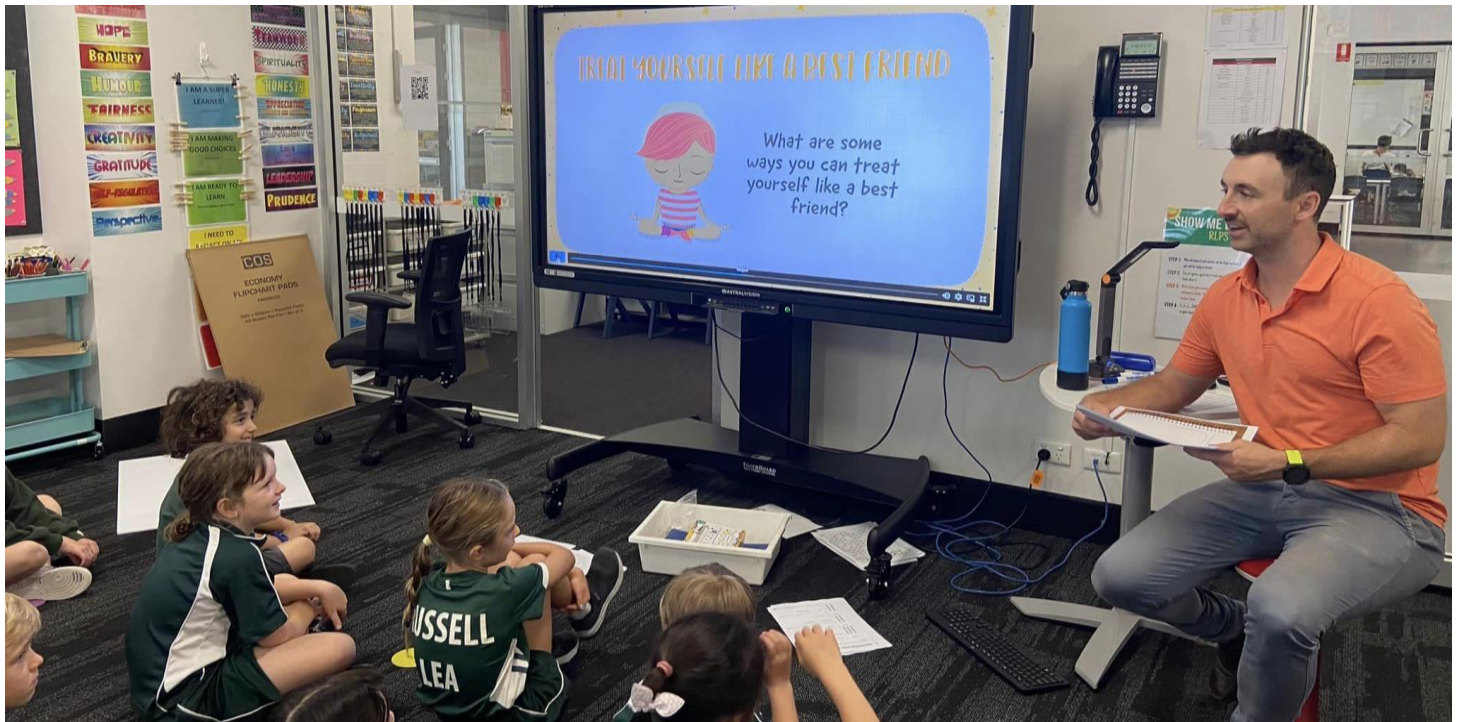
AFL Clinic

RLPS has received a grant from the Federal Government Sporting Schools Program to run AFL clinics. Students in years 2-4 are given the opportunity to enjoy various fun drills for 50 minutes each week for three weeks. Although many of these activities are not AFL specific, students do get a feel for the game and the skills required. Our local team the Canada Bay Cannons are recruiting female players. If you are interested please refer to the details provided below.



Developing Healthy Friendships Skills

At RLPS we use the ideas within the UR Strong Program (<https://urstrong.com/>) to give students the skills they need to be a good friend and to make good friend choices. Students learn what a good friendship looks and feels like, they learn how to respond when someone is not treating them well and how to manage the difficult emotions which arise. They are introduced to the concept of the Friendship Ninja. A Friendship Ninja is a person who has high level friendship skills. They are trustworthy and respectful and are able to manage difficult relationships in positive and constructive ways. Relationship skills are an important aspect of student wellbeing as difficult interactions are an inevitable part of growing. Students who are strong in this area are likely to manage challenging peers in ways which allow them to move on without negative impacts on their wellbeing. Our teachers will use the language of URStrong throughout the year and we invite you to refer to the information provided below or the website if you want to know more.



[Reminder]
Classroom Volunteers Needed

We would once again like to invite all K-2 parents to volunteer in our classrooms.

Before volunteering, we require parents to take part in mandatory training. We have created an online training module that you can complete in a time that most suits you. If you have already completed this training or you attended one of the zoom sessions in 2022, you are not required to do the online training again.

At the end of this week's newsletter, there is a guide to support you in accessing and completing the training. Please remember to bring evidence of completion to the school office on your first day of volunteering to be added to our list.

You will find the link for signing up for volunteering sessions at the end of the guide. If you have any questions or problems accessing the training, please feel free to contact the school.

Please note: Kindergarten won't be having any parent volunteers in the classroom this term as it is the beginning of Kindergarten and students are still learning school routines. Parents will be able to assist in the classroom from Term 2 onwards.

Kind regards,

Natalie Rotar

Open Night 2024 Tuesday 5 March

5:30 - 6:pm Principal's address

6:00 - 7pm

- High Potential and Gifted Education presentation
- Discovery tours led by student leaders
- Interactive displays with student leaders
- View displays of student work
- Students will engage in interactive activities

Parents and prospective Year 7 2025 and 2026 students and their parents are warmly invited to attend our Open Night.

This is a unique opportunity to view the excellent academic, sporting and cultural programs we offer to our students.

Concord High School has been recognised at State level for many of its initiatives including:

- an innovative, connected curriculum designed to enhance pastoral care, reduce the number of Year 7 teachers and support a smooth transition to high school
- A High Potential and Gifted Education program taught by highly skilled teachers with additional training in gifted education
- A range of programs in Years 9/10/11 to further engage students

A whole school philosophy of "every student will be known, valued and cared for to achieve their potential within a context of high expectations".



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Returning to RLPS after 60 years

Last week we had some special visitors tour the school and the museum. Keith, Keith and Bill attended RLPS over 70 years ago. They only recently met up again and with the help of Mrs G and Mrs Pike were able to visit the school and share their stories. They were impressed with the school and the museum curated by Mrs Pike and Mrs G.

YOUTH GIRLS WE WANT YOU!

Come play AFL for the
Canada Bay Cannons!



Scan here to
register **now!**



REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN NOW!

Details

- Youth girls U9 - U15
- No prior experience needed
- \$230 per registration
(Active kids voucher accepted)

SPECIAL OFFERS



All new youth girls receive a
FREE Sherdien Precision
football upon registration!

- * Rego **before 1st Feb 2024**
- * U9 Girls get **\$50** Early Bird Discount!
- * New registrations get a **FREE** Cannons Duffle bag



[Reminder] K-2 and 3-6 Assembly Timetable

The Stage 1 and 3-6 assembly timetable for Term 1 is provided below. Kindergarten will not participate this term however will be added to the timetable in Term 2. Each class and each student will have an opportunity to host an assembly during the year. The host class is listed in the timetable and parents of students in that class are invited to attend on those dates. RLPS uses 24 character strengths to help students recognise these strengths in themselves and others. Every two weeks new character strengths are shared and discussed in classes. Students are acknowledged for demonstrating these strengths at the fortnightly assembly. The focus strengths for each assembly are also listed in the timetable below.

3-6 Assembly Timetable Term 1 (Thursday 1:00pm to 1:40pm)

Weeks	Y6 Leaders/Class	Character Strength	Captains Reports
2			
3			
4			
5	School Leaders	3-6 Carnival	Captains
6			
7	5/6A	Kindness & Creativity	Banksia
8			
9	5/6M	Gratitude & Love of Learning	Blue Gum
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11	5/6S	Curiosity	Wattle

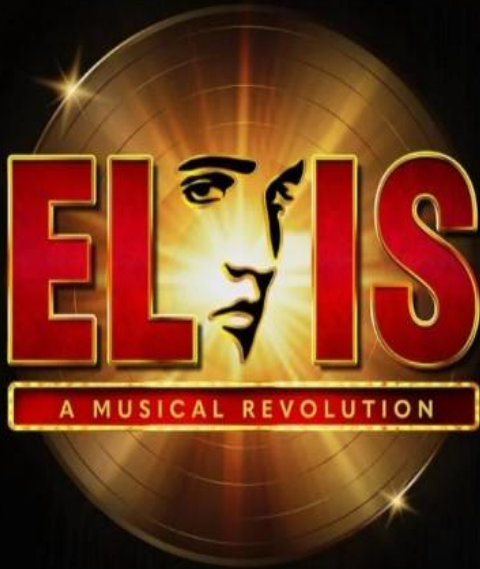
Stage 1 Assembly Term 1 (Wednesday 2:00pm to 3:00pm)

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Elvis Returns

Our very own Rhys Hankey returns as Young Elvis in the 2024 season of Elvis The Musical. If you are interested in attending there is an offer code that gives you access to higher priced seats for \$69. Use "Elvis69" in the "Enter offer code" section on the Ticketmaster website when purchasing tickets.

<https://elvisamusicalrevolution.com.au/ticket-sydney/>



Performance Dates

Thursday 8th February 7pm Preview

Saturday 10th February 2pm Matinee

Sunday 11th February 6:30pm

Wednesday 14th February 7pm

Saturday 17th February 2pm Matinee

Sunday 18th February 1pm Matinee

Saturday 24th February 2pm Matinee

Sunday 25th February 1pm Matinee

Thursday 29th February 7pm

Friday 1st March 7:30pm

Sunday 3rd March 3pm matinee



RHYS JAMES HANKEY
YOUNG ELVIS

<https://elvisamusicalrevolution.com.au>



STATE
THEATRE

DRAMA



CLUB



Don't Miss Out

**Find Out What Drama Is About
Take A Free Trial**

KINDERGARTEN UP TO YEAR 5

WEDNESDAY LUNCH TIMES



dramascene.com.au

Enrol Via Website or Whatsapp For Link

WHATSAPP Steph questions +61 0407 235 914

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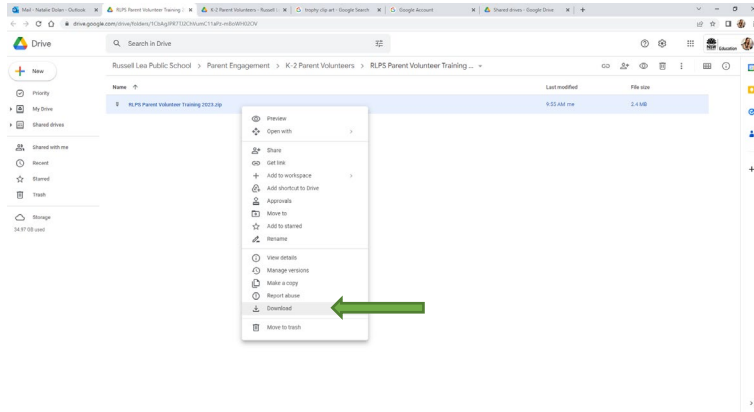
Parent Volunteer Training 2024

How to access the training

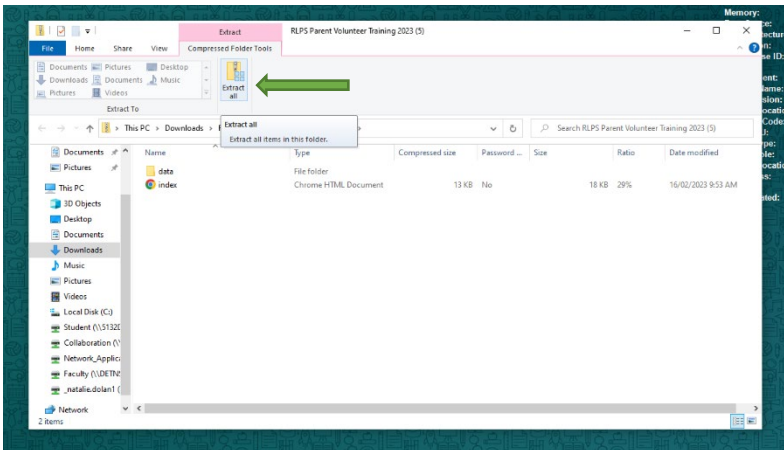
1. Click on the below link using a desktop or laptop.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1CbAgJPR7TJ2ChVumC11aPz-mBoWH02OV?usp=share_link

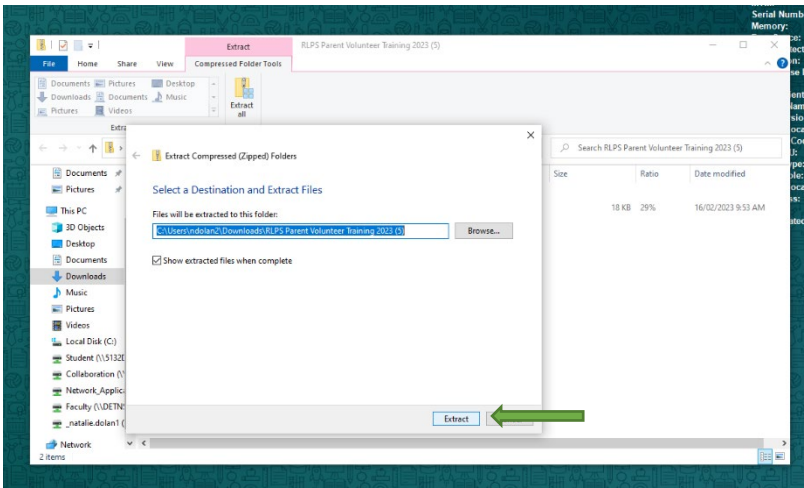
2. Right click to download the zip file.



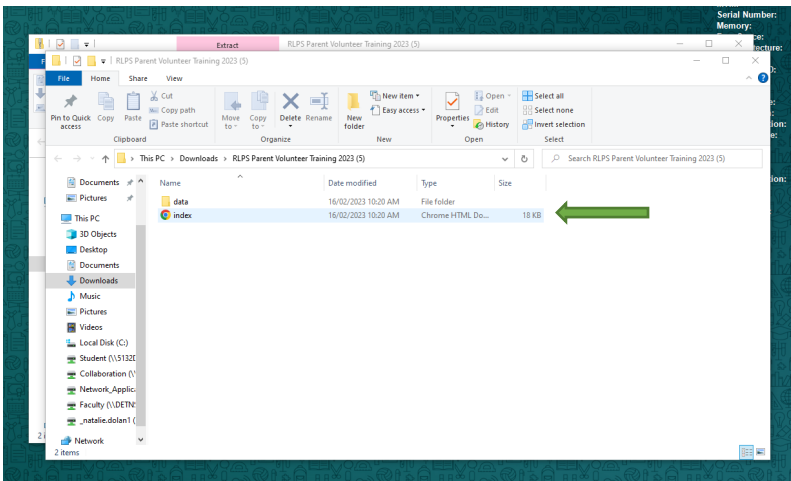
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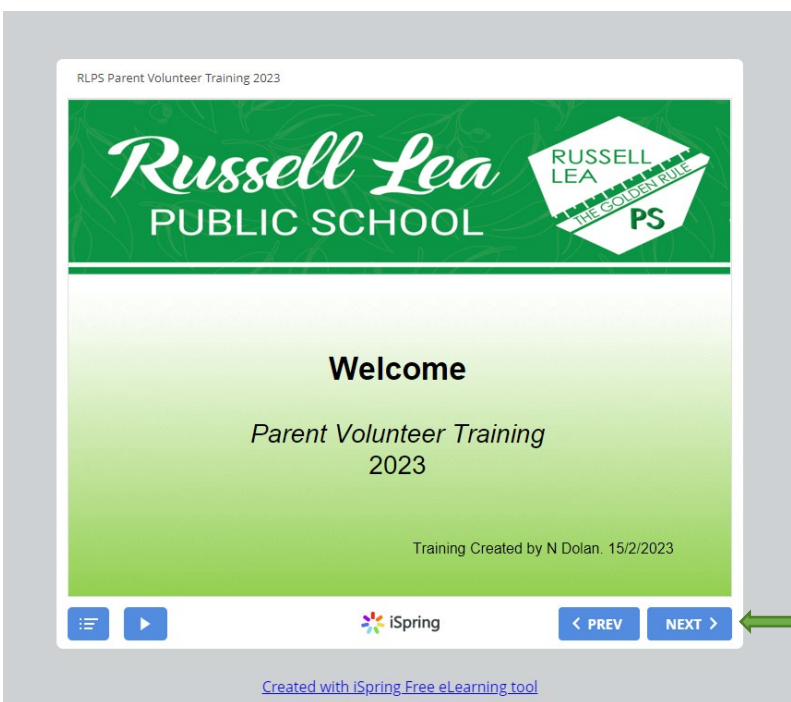
4. Press Extract on the pop up.



5. Open the file titled index.



6. The training should now load. Press the next button to navigate through the slides and complete.



7. Once you have successfully completed the training, you can use the below link to sign up for your first classroom volunteering session.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KagCuf3q8T8XIOAKTVoICHhiULXR16WZuVLzf8Tc0ro/edit#gid=0>

Thank you for your support of our school.

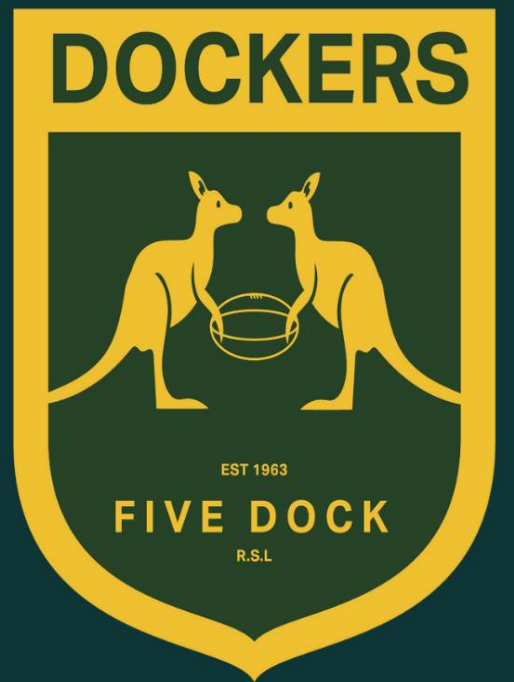


Play Rugby League with the DOCKERS

All players welcome

Boys and Girls 4-12 yrs

Tackle and Tag



FREE Come & Try Sessions

FIVE DOCK PARK

Wednesday 21st February 5pm-7pm
Wednesday 28th February 5pm - 7pm

Refreshments + Food Supplied

Registrations for 2024 season \$50
includes playing kit



JOIN THE DOCKERS FAMILY

COME TRY RUGBY

at Drummoyne Dirty Reds

TAPLIN PARK

February 16th, 23rd and March 1st at 5pm

Incl sessions by the coaching crew at TryTime, BBQ, drinks and a Dirty Reds Water Bottle.

PLUS FIRST

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Regos receive a limited-edition rugby ball

REGISTRATION AT



events.humanitix.com/dirty-reds-tryrugby-2024

SYDNEY ROWING CLUB



DRUMMOYNE SAILING CLUB

Better move fast to get your free footy!! One gone already!!!

