

# P&C NEWSLETTER

Updates from Russell Lea Public School Parents & Citizens Association

## Dates for your Diary

**Friday 29th October**  
RLPS P&C Raffle Draw

## During November

Gingerbread House Kit Fundraiser will be launched with orders due by Monday 22nd November, for an early December delivery.



**GINGERBREAD HOUSE KITS**

OUR CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER IS COMING SOON!

Create your very own masterpiece or buy as a gift for family and friends!

- Delicious and premium quality Gingerbread House Kits from Gingerbread Folk will be on sale via Flexischools in early November.
- dairy, egg and nut free
- gluten free option
- no additives or preservatives

## We need your help!

### Auditor required



The P&C Financial Year ends 31 October and we are required to conduct an audit.

If you have an hour or two in November to review our financials, please email: [russell.lea.public.pc@gmail.com](mailto:russell.lea.public.pc@gmail.com) NSW P&C Federation confirms an auditor does not need to be a qualified professional, just someone who possesses appropriate skills and experience in financial record management.

## OTHER VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES -

In 2022 we will have openings for the following:

- Social Committee Lead
- Class Parents (all classes)
- Parent Buddy Coordinator for Kindy Parents

More information is available so please get in touch.

## FREAKY FRUIT CARVING



**CARVE A PINE INSTEAD OF PUMPKIN THIS HALLOWEEN**

TO HELP AUSSIE FARMERS

SEND US PHOTOS OF YOUR PINEAPPLE OR OTHER FRUIT CARVINGS TO SHARE ON FACEBOOK

## OCTOBER NEWS

The return to face to face learning for K-1 on Monday and the remaining years returning to school on Monday 25th comes with mixed feelings for many parents. The students will also have many feelings to navigate as they settle back in. Some may gladly wave goodbye to their parents at the gate and run off to see their classmates, while others be a little clingy as they are uncertain about returning to the school after such a long time away. It will certainly be a time of adjustment for children and parents alike. Re-establishing school and work routines, re-joining sporting or other activities, possibly even returning to your own work office location after working from home. Understandably we will be focused on our children but remember to be kind to yourselves too.

The P&C exec team dearly wish to be able to organise some activities for RLPS students and staff to make the return to school for the rest of term 4 as much fun as possible. We have to wait for the further easing of restrictions before we can action any of our amazing ideas. Fingers crossed that there will be some end of term fun on the horizon!

## Road Safety/Pedestrian Safety Campaign

Pedestrian safety on the surrounding streets remains a concern for many parents. This matter has been raised with council during the rebuild and again since. With the upcoming local government elections and the council's recent Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) report, it's time for round three!

We were fortunate to have had the opportunity this week to meet with Deputy Mayor of Canada Bay Council. Councillor Julia Little met with Dan Sprange, Rebecca Nichols and Wendy Shih as parent and P&C representatives regarding a safe crossing for Barnstaple Road. As the school accesses Nield Park regularly, this location is our first priority. Brent Street pedestrian safety and the McCulloch St footpath near the school were also discussed.

Cr Little has offered her support by tabling this at the next council meeting. Traffic management studies will need to be conducted in the coming months but this is a positive first step and we thank Julia Little for being our advocate.

**Please help our our campaign gain further attention from the council by sending an email to [julia.little@canadabay.nsw.gov.au](mailto:julia.little@canadabay.nsw.gov.au) before 2nd November (next council meeting).**

Please contact the P&C to discuss this matter further and for information about how you can help. A summary of the requests submitted to council by the P&C is copied below. Please reference these in your email if you wish.

### The P&C has requested:

- School Zone status (school zone signs, dragon's teeth road markings and flashing lights) on Barnstaple Road (Robert Avenue to Alison Street)
- School Zone status (school zone signs, dragon's teeth road markings and flashing lights) on Brent Street (Undine Street to Alison Street)
- Pedestrian Crossing or Refuge on Barnstaple Road
- Pedestrian Crossing or Refuge on Brent Street



Contact us: [russell.lea.public.pc@gmail.com](mailto:russell.lea.public.pc@gmail.com) | <https://www.rlps-pandc.com/>



## OCTOBER P&C MEETING SUMMARY

Thank you to those who joined via Zoom on Tuesday 12th October. We have some updates to share:

**Raffle Draw Date Confirmed** - we are pleased to be able to draw our raffle on **Friday 29th October**. As per recent updates, if you have existing hardcopy tickets, please return them to school prior to Thursday 28th October. Hardcopy tickets and online ticket printouts (via <https://www.rafflelink.com.au/rlpsraffle2021>) will go into the barrel for the draw!

**WestConnex Grant** - it was discussed and agreed to pursue the opportunity of a grant for a **yarning circle and bush tucker trees for the nature area** near the corner of McCulloch and Whittall Streets. Keith Stead (Lucy 1/2P) is assisting us with the design. Thank you Keith! We also require quotations from landscapers to carry out the works (in summary, the placement of sandstone blocks and laying a crushed sandstone foundation for the yarning circle). If any parents or family members are in the business, we could use some swift assistance with quotes in order to submit the grant application by 1st November. Please let us know someone we could reach out to.



**ARE YOU A LANDSCAPER OR DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS? OR HAVE A RECOMMENDATION?**

Please email the PC&C on: [russell.lea.public.pc@gmail.com](mailto:russell.lea.public.pc@gmail.com)



**Acknowledgement of Country sign and artwork sign** - the project is moving forward with the wording for the Acknowledgement of Country sign approved by the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council. The sign to acknowledge the ceiling mural artwork by Blak Douglas has been prepared and reviewed by the artist. Both are now with the sign company and we look forward to seeing the proofs and deciding on the final versions to be produced.

**Stage 3 Science Order / Future Funding Requests Process / 2022 Priorities** - the P&C Exec team have prepared funding request guidelines for implementation in 2022. The aim is to have a robust process in place for funding requests that can be submitted by parents, teachers, principal and P&C members. We used a Stage 3 Science Order funding request as an example of how the process will work. Thank you to Ms Lee for providing us with the requested information so the P&C committee could approve the \$1800 spend for the Stage 3 science and mathematics equipment at our October meeting.

Before the end of this term we would like to **survey the parent community** about what they would like the P&C to consider as **projects and initiatives for 2022**. Responses will assist the P&C Exec team with future planning and forecasting as well as understanding what is important to the parent and student community. Look out for the survey coming your way soon.

**Fundraising in 2021** - as with everything in 2021, the Delta variant of COVID-19 has played havoc with our fundraising plans. We have had to cancel the fun run and postpone our Trivia Night/Silent Auction until early next year. We have the upcoming Gingerbread House Kit Drive and may also have the opportunity to hold a cake stall and democracy sausage sizzle at the 4th December local government elections. If all is well with that date and restrictions allow, we will be looking for volunteers to help bake, man the bbq, sell cakes and drinks etc. We look forward to the parent community getting behind our raffle and these final fundraisers for 2021.

Thank you!  
Narelle Horton

Tickets  
**\$2**  
Each

## RUSSELL LEA PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C

# ONLINE RAFFLE

As the Major fundraiser for Russell Lea Public School P&C Association, we have had to go online with our Raffle due to recent COVID restrictions.

If you have existing hardcopy tickets, please drop them off at the school in the letterbox with raffle funds or bring to school with your child. These hardcopy tickets will be placed in the barrel with printouts of the online tickets.

### Help us raise money for the school

- Each ticket costs \$2 and comes in a book of 10 tickets
- **HARDCOPY TICKETS** - Return the ticket stubs with the money collected to your child's teacher as soon as you have sold the entire raffle book
- Please return any tickets by the 28th of October
- Draw will occur on the 29th of October 2021. (and include existing tickets that were returned)

**BUY TICKETS - CLICK HERE**

**[www.rafflelink.com.au/rlopsraffle2021](http://www.rafflelink.com.au/rlopsraffle2021)**

*HEY KIDS!*

## WIN A COVID SAFE PARTY FOR YOUR CLASS



If your class sells the most amount of raffle tickets, you'll win a COVID-Safe party to celebrate.

One winner for Years K-2 and another for Years 3-6.