

# P&C NEWSLETTER

Updates from Russell Lea Public School Parents & Citizens Association

## Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 16th August, 5:30pm**

Parent Numeracy Workshop, Library

**Monday 22nd August, 9:15am**

Book Week Character Parade, Book Fair and Morning Tea

RLPS Museum open to visitors

**Thursday 1st September**

Father's Day Stall - details coming soon

**Monday 5th September**

rescheduled Book Week incursion

**Tuesday 13th September, 7:30pm**

P&C General Meeting - School Hall

**Thursday 15th September, 6:30pm**

Junior & Senior Band Evening Concert

**Friday 23rd September**

Last day of Term 3

**Monday 10th October**

Term 4 commences

(Teacher Development Day is scheduled at end of Term 4)

Refer to the [school calendar](#) for more school events.

## Thank you to

- ★ Livia & Sonja and their team for all the coordination of the Trivia night, raffle and silent auction
- ★ Romina Vadala for constructing the amazing table decorations for Trivia Night (later worn as headwear by some!)
- ★ All our sponsors and supporters who kindly donated prizes
- ★ All the families who supported the raffle and silent auction
- ★ All the teachers for coordinating various incursions, sports carnivals and managing PSSA games and training.

## THERE HAS BEEN A LOT HAPPENING LATELY!

Term 3 has been rather event filled! The past weeks have seen 100 days of Kindergarten being acknowledged, our school athletics carnival and then the Zone carnival. An indigenous teaching day with Koormuri Aboriginal Incursions for NAIDOC Week and performances from our choir, band and dance groups at the Iron Cove Festival. The launch of URSTRONG Friendship Day with the informative Language of Friendship workshop with parents and students beforehand. Debating team successes and PSSA wins for netball and soccer teams.

The students and staff have been busy! I'd like to **thank the school staff for all the additional work involved in managing these events** as I recognise that teachers are already stretched. Teacher shortages are an ongoing issue and action taken by the P&C has resulted in our participation in an inquiry (see Teacher Shortages info below).

Of course we must mention the fantastic **P&C Trivia Night** that finally went ahead recently after two earlier postponements. A night of big hair, legwarmers and other amazing outfits! RLPS parents really know how to party and put in the effort when dressing for the 80s/90s theme! See our [Facebook page](#) for photos if you haven't yet. Congratulations to our raffle winners and those who were successful with online auction bids as well as the best dancers and best dressed winners. We are pleased that this night out for parents was also a great fundraiser. We calculate the event, raffle and auction minus all expenses resulted in around \$17k profit!

The funds from the Trivia Night are earmarked for playground enhancements. The amount raised will cover the P&C's contribution to the **Yarning Circle and Nature Trail projects**.

Work on this will hopefully commence soon. We will arrange a smoking ceremony and opening event when the Yarning Circle is complete. Planting sessions for areas surrounding the nature trail will follow in the future.

## Teacher Shortages

As recently communicated, the NSW Legislative Council, Upper House Committee is conducting an Inquiry into Teacher Shortages. Thank you to those who completed the questionnaire that was circulated. As a result of a letter submitted to the inquiry, the **P&C has been invited to be a witness at the inquiry and give evidence at Parliament House on 17th August**.

I will be attending as our representative and be appearing alongside Northern Sydney and Central Coast District Councils of P&C Associations. It feels quite daunting but I am eager to contribute evidence to the committee's report which shapes subsequent recommendations to government.

*Warm regards  
Narelle Horton*

# AUGUST P&C MEETING SUMMARY

Thank you to those who attended our August meeting. At a previous meeting, we agreed to hold alternate face to face and Zoom meetings starting in 2023. We hope this allows more parents to participate. Attendance at our meetings is generally from a small core group. To ensure the future success of the P&C, we really need to expand on this small group and have more participants. Especially as next year is going to be a Fete year!! Please join us at our September meeting and find below some updates to share from our 9th August meeting.

**Uniform Shop** - Term 4 will see slight price increases on many items. This is due to supply chain cost increases being incurred by our supplier/s. The team are working to keep these increases to a minimum for families.

**Fundraising** - A Colour Fun Run has been in the P&C Events Calendar since Term 1. It is scheduled for 20 October, so thoughts are now turning to this event. We will be in touch with more details soon. A Christmas Fundraiser will be launched soon also as it requires a longer lead time. Watch this space for more details.

**Fete 2023** - with a return to normal, the new normal after Covid, we can seriously consider plans for holding our famous community day - the RLPS Fete! It is tentatively scheduled for early November 2023. We plan to review and restructure previous fete planning documents to reflect our new school and parent community.

**Playground projects** - Using the opportunity of a landscaper coming on-site for the Yarning Circle, we also requested a quote for a nature trail pathway. This project forms the next phase of our playground enhancements project. With \$13k in grants received for the Yarning Circle (\$10k WestConnex / \$3k Club Grant from Canada Bay Club), the P&C's contribution of \$12k was approved by the committee for both projects.

## MONDAY 22 AUGUST

08:00 - 08:55	<b>BOOK FAIR</b> RLPS MUSEUM	<b>LIBRARY, LEVEL 2</b> <b>MUSEUM ROOM</b>
09:15 - 10:15	<b>BOOK CHARACTER PARADE</b>	<b>WANGAL</b>
10:15 - 11:00	<b>MORNING TEA</b> <b>BOOK FAIR</b> RLPS MUSEUM	<b>CANTEEN AREA</b> <b>LIBRARY, LEVEL 2</b> <b>MUSEUM ROOM</b>

### RLPS BOOK FAIR



LEAVE A LEGACY AT RLPS

It has been a number of years since the school held a Book Fair. This event is a lovely way to donate a book/s to the library for your child and others to enjoy. Books are carefully selected by students and each donated book will have an acknowledgement label on the inside cover.

Parents can be involved in the book selection process during the Book Fair opening hours. If you cannot accompany your child to the Book Fair on Monday 22 August, you can send cash to school (labelled in an envelope) or pre-purchase Bookbuck\$ through Flexischools until Friday 19 August, 5pm. Library staff will assist students with spending their Bookbuck\$ on the day.



## Book Week Morning Tea

As part of RLPS Book Week celebrations, the P&C will host morning tea following the parade

Tea, coffee and water will be served from the canteen

## Book Character Parade Monday 22 August

Parade from 9:15am  
with morning tea to follow

As per tradition, we kindly ask our parent community to assist with providing a small plate to share, if they are planning to attend the morning tea

Goodies can be dropped to the canteen from 8am  
Please label any trays/plates/containers so they can be returned  
Thank you!

Make sure you visit the Book Fair and also enjoy a wander through the years of the school's history in the Museum Room after enjoying some refreshments

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