

P&C NEWSLETTER

Updates from Russell Lea Public School Parents & Citizens Association



Dates for your Diary

Friday 28th & Monday 31st January 2022

Staff Development Days

Tuesday 1st February 2022

First day for Years 1 - 6

Monday 7th February 2022

First day for Kindergarten

Tuesday 8th February 2022

P&C February General Meeting

Saturday 19th February 2022

2022 Welcome Event

Friday 4th March 2022

Trivia Night

DECEMBER NEWS

Here we are at the end of the year! We made it! We thought 2020 was unprecedented but 2021 was next level. As I wrote in my annual report for the recent AGM, parents and teachers look to teach children resilience as a life skill. Our children, along with everyone, have lived through and coped with many difficulties in 2021. While challenging, hopefully we can all look back on this year and appreciate the time we were forced to live in our little bubbles. As things start to get busy again, those quiet times when we were at home with just our immediate family, may not have been so bad!

Looking back at this year from a P&C perspective, we achieved quite a lot. We were able to hold some successful mini fundraisers - hot cross bun drive, pie drive, gingerbread house kits, election day cake stall - that helped keep the bank balance topped up. The Trivia Night with Silent Auction and Fun Run are booked for next year but we finalised the raffle which raised \$10k. Thank you to everyone who supported these activities during the year.

This year, we received a community grant from Canada Bay Council and a club grant from Canada Bay Club for specific projects. We hope to hear soon about the Westconnex grant that is to assist with funding the Yarning Circle Project.

Thank you also to all families for including the P&C Voluntary Contribution payment in their school invoices. These amounts also directly support your children and the school as they are used to fund resources and equipment.

The amounts raised this year were channeled to the school in the form of library book purchases (\$4.3K), App licenses (\$11k), Stage 3 Science and Maths equipment (\$2k), 3 storage and charging stations for ipads and laptops (\$8k), webcams (\$1k), Jellybean learning group tables for Kindy classes (\$1K) and the fun day ice-cream truck visit (\$1K).

Projects completed by the P&C were the student leadership honour board (\$2.5k) and the audio equipment and staging for Wangal (\$16.8k). Work commenced on the Acknowledgement of Country sign and ceiling mural artwork plaque but this will not be completed until 2022. We are also looking to purchase a fridge in the new year as the tired old fridge in the canteen is struggling to cope with Zooper Dooper Days!

Looking ahead to next year, Italian lessons for those enrolled, will be commencing on 15th February with Co.As.It. Drama Scene will return for weekly drama classes, Dance classes recommence (see timetable on following pages) and the other regular extra curricular activities should be back. Plus keep your eye out for a potential new activity next year..... see information further below!

Thank you to all the teachers and support staff who got our students through week after week of home-based learning. Our teachers have been amazing and I think many parents have a new found respect for that profession after this year. Best wishes to all the year 6 students with the move to high school. Well done to all the recent award winners on presentation day and congratulations to our 2022 school leaders! Wishing all RLPS families a wonderful Christmas and New Year break. Enjoy the holidays!

See you in 2022!
Narelle Horton



Huge thanks at the end of Term 4 to:

thank you

All RLPS Teachers & Staff

All the 2021 Class Parents

All the families who baked for the election day cake stall

Everyone who came and purchased a sweet treat from the cake stall or sausage in a bun/egg & bacon roll from the Year 6 Committee BBQ

Laura Woodall for managing the cake stall and for being Social Committee Coordinator and Ethics Coordinator for many, many years. Laura will be stepping down from social committee (now renamed as the Hospitality Committee) but she will stay on as Canteen Service Coordinator

Ebony Russell and Mrs G for the many hours spent on creating and formatting the 90th anniversary commemorative booklet

CANTEEN UPDATE

We have been offered a Friday lunch service. We will maintain three days per week, so will no longer offer Tuesday. From 2022, canteen days are:

MONDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



healthy food made fun



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2021

Annual Reports were given by the President, Treasurer and Principal.

P&C Executive nominations and elections were run by Dan Sprange as Returning Officer. Nominations received and seconded for the following appointments, all of which are confirmed:

- President - Narelle Horton
- Vice Presidents - Wendy Shih, Livia Sendelbeck
- Treasurer - [VACANCY for Assistant Treasurer](#)
- Secretary - Sonja Screpis

OOSH Liaison - Ebony Russell

Uniform Shop Coordinators - Evy Hatzigiannis & Lauren Phillips

Grants Officers - Davina Kite & Rebecca Nichols

Canteen Service Coordinator - Laura Woodall

Hospitality Coordinator/s - [VACANCY](#) Emily Coffey offered to co-lead / **COMMITTEE MEMBERS REQUIRED**

Sponsorship Lead - Livia Sendelbeck

Fundraising Lead - Megan Varlow / **COMMITTEE MEMBERS REQUIRED**

P&C Facilities Coordinator - [VACANCY](#) / **COMMITTEE MEMBERS REQUIRED**

Thank you to everyone for taking on these roles. Please consider how you can contribute to the P&C's efforts and get in touch. Several committees require members. The P&C can't achieve things without your assistance. Please help!

DECEMBER P&C MEETING SUMMARY

Our December meeting followed the AGM and a quick refreshment break! Some important updates to share:

Canteen Updates for 2022 - RLPS has been offered a Friday canteen service. As this is something that has been requested in the past, we agreed to take up this offer. With our current student numbers, there is no need to have canteen four days per week. We will be continuing with Monday and Thursdays in 2022 however Tuesday service will cease. With lunch time being earlier with the revised school hours, Friday canteen lunches should not be an issue for any PSSA participants. Additionally our provider, The School Canteen, will be transitioning to Spriggy Schools as their online ordering and payment platform. Further details regarding Spriggy Schools will be provided in due course.

School's 90th Anniversary - the commemorative booklet that Mrs G has been compiling with assistance from Ebony Russell has gone to print. It's a wonderful overview of the school's history.

Playgroup - Friday morning playgroup for 0-5 year olds will restart in 2022. Jemma Siomos is leading this but needs help from other parent attendees to manage Covid requirements and share coordination of activities. Please get in touch if you can help whilst also attending and enjoying a morning of play with your younger child/ren.

Strings Ensemble - like other activities, this was impacted by Covid. If your child would like to be part of a RLPS Strings Ensemble in 2022, please email us so we can assist with finding tutors to manage these sessions at school.

Christmas Charity Giving - as per tradition, the P&C made a donation to Stewart House for \$500. This year we also wanted to support a charity helping the less fortunate at Christmas time. Wayside Chapel has a 'Donate a Plate' campaign to help provide the homeless with a hot meal. We set up a fundraising page with our donation and if any families are in a position to also donate they can do so via this link:

<https://donate.waysidechapel.org.au/fundraisers/russellleapublicschoolpc>



**WAYSIDE
CHAPEL**



ONSITE BASKETBALL LESSONS - Wendy Shih is investigating the possibility to introduce basketball coaching by an accredited provider for K-2 / Stage 2 / Stage 3 groups. Before or after school days and times are yet to be determined. Once we have all necessary information, an Expression of Interest survey will be circulated.

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

RUSSELL LEA PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C
INVITES YOU TO



2022 WELCOME EVENT

SAVE THE DATE!

**SATURDAY
19TH FEBRUARY 2022
3:00pm - 5:00pm**

Traditionally the P&C organises an afternoon tea at the start of each school year to welcome new families.

It's a great opportunity to reconnect with current RLPS families and meet the new families.

Please note the date in your 2022 calendars!

MORE DETAILS SHARED IN TERM 1. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

2022 DANCE CLASSES

TERM 1 TIMETABLE

2021 DANCERS ONLY

NO NEW ENROLMENTS UNTIL TERM 2

MORNING (7:45AM TO 8:45AM)

MONDAY- YEARS 4-5 DANCE (LETS GET LOUD)

TUESDAY - YEARS 2- 3 DANCE (IN THE NAVY)

THURSDAY - YEARS 5 ,6, 7 (80'S MEDLEY)

FRIDAY - YEARS 1 & 2 (HI 5 MEDLEY)

AFTERNOON (3:10 - 3:55 AND 3:55 TO 4:40PM)

MONDAY - MUSICAL THEATRE - YEARS 1 -6

MONDAY - CONTEMPORARY - YEARS 1-6

TUESDAY (3:10 TO 3:55PM) - BOYS DANCE CLASS

TERM 2 TIMETABLE

NEW ENROLMENTS WELCOME

MORNING (7:45AM TO 8:45AM)

MONDAY- KINDY & YEAR 1

TUESDAY - YEARS 2 & 3

THURSDAY - YEARS 5 & 6

THURSDAY - BOYS DANCE

FRIDAY - YEAR 4

AFTERNOON (3:10 - 3:55 AND 3:55 TO 4:40PM)

MONDAY - MUSICAL THEATRE - YEARS 3 & 4

MONDAY - CONTEMPORARY - YEARS 3 & 4

MONDAY - MUSICAL THEATRE - YEARS 5 & 6

MONDAY - CONTEMPORARY - YEARS 5 & 6

TUESDAY (3:10 TO 3:55PM) - MUSICAL THEATRE DANCE - K-2 (BOYS & GIRLS)

ENQUIRIES: DWAYMAN@DREAMFEET.COM.AU