SCHOOL NEWS
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“A Letter to the Community

“Thought for the Week”

Welcome Back for Term 4!

Year 3-6

It was great to see everyone return from holidays excited to share their holiday adventures with their friends at school on Tuesday. In next week’s newsletter you can read some of the students’ holiday recounts.

With less than 10 weeks until the end of the year, there are lots of things in the planning stages including our end-of-year concert. Our class will be
performing “The Jazz Nativity”. This week we have been listening to the play and the music. There are 9 songs to learn and the choreography that goes with them, as well as lines to learn. By the end of this week we hope to have auditioned the students for speaking parts so that everyone can get stuck into learning their lines from next week on.

Swimming started on Wednesday and though the water was a bit fresh, everyone enjoyed the start of the swimming season. Our class’ swimming days are on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Students will need to bring swimmers, rashies, towel and their own sunscreen each swimming day. Please remember that swimming is a school subject and all students are expected to participate in swimming lessons unless they are ill.

This term the Student Council will again be selling ice blocks on Fridays instead of the healthy lunches we had in terms 3 and 4.

In class in English this term we’ll be working on characterisation and performance of a play. Our geography unit in Year 5/6 will be about Australia’s connectedness to its neighbours. Year 3/4 students are learning about how people use places and environments for sustainability.

*Jenny and Tina*

**Swimming Training**

As mentioned in newsletters at the end of last term, the P&C’s swim club is now closed. However, a new incorporated swim club is being started and the school is in the process of developing a hire agreement with the new club. As this will take a bit longer and the new fees may be higher as a result, the school has sought to look after all our students who were formerly in the club.

We have been successful in
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Getting a federal government grant so that we can hire a qualified swim coach to train our students on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for the remainder of this term. Ellen Masen has agreed to coach any students who can swim 25 metres. She will work with them on stroke correction, diving, racing techniques and improving their swimming skills generally. Lessons start at 3pm and finish at 4pm. There is no cost to the students except for $2 entry for each lesson.

Hopefully by offering these lessons, it will give new students a chance to work out whether they would be interested or have the talent for taking their swimming involvement further.

Notes are attached to this newsletter for any parents who would like their children to participate in these lessons.

### Swimming Pool Entries.

The price of entry to the Rathdowney State School Swimming Pool for the coming 2016/2017 swimming season are as follows:

- Adults $3.00
- Children (under18) $ 2.00
- Family Day Pass (parents and their children only) $10.00

Season Passes:

- Adult $100.00
- Child $90.00
- Family $200.00

The pool opening hours will be 2-5pm weekends, public holidays and every day during the school holidays except Christmas Day.

*Please note that anyone wishing to purchase season passes are required to have them paid for by Friday October 28 2016. Season Pass payments can be made to the school Office during school hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays.*
**School Photo Day – Wednesday 26 October**

Our school photo day for this year will be on Wednesday, 26 October. Forms were sent home this week about this. Envelopes for your orders need to be returned to the school by photo day if you are intending to buy photos.

To make sure that we have the correct information about media release wishes from each of our families, a media release form was also sent home. As the school photos have the students’ names attached and once sent home may be shared by families more widely, it is important that we are clear about your wishes regarding having photos taken of your children.

*Please take the time to fill in the form and return it to the school ASAP as we can’t allow the children to have their photos taken on the day without your permission. To date, only 12 forms have been returned to the school.*

**Pre-Prep Program**

As we do every year, our school is again offering parents of students who will be attending Prep next year the opportunity for those children to be involved in our Pre-Prep program. This 6-week program starts next week on Wednesdays from 10am to 11am.

The program allows our pre-preps to mix with the other students who will be in their class next year and, in this way, smooth their transition into school. It also gives our teachers an opportunity to learn more about the students who will be in the Prep class for 2017 and to discuss any special needs with parents so that the school can be best able to prepare and plan for their entrance into school. Mrs Grahl has lots of fun activities for the youngsters to do together with the Rathdowney students while they are here.
The pre-preps always have a great time and usually can’t wait to come back again the next week!

If any parents know of other local children who will be entering Prep next year, please tell them about our Pre-Prep program and encourage them to bring their children in for a fun time.

Parents can either stay for the whole session by having a coffee and chat in the school staffroom or just drop the children off and pick them up afterwards.

### Junior News

This week we have been settling back into classroom routines. The students have come back rested, ready for the huge amount of school work we need to complete this term. Please ensure that your child comes to school every day as we are getting ready for testing for report cards at the end of the term.

For English this term, we are doing a narrative unit. At the end of the unit the students will be expected to write their own narrative using a writing stimulus. We will be continuing on with our spelling program. Please make sure your child practises their daily spelling at home.

In Maths this week, the Preps have been working with numbers to 30 and learning about place value. The Year 1’s have been working on problem solving skills and the Year 2’s have been working with fractions.

In Geography this term, we are exploring how people are connected to different places near and far and how connections can be improved.

More from us next week.

Kasey, Cathy and Kay
Rathy S.S. Breakfast Club Rides Again!

That’s right kids and parents, after much anticipation we’ve decided to commence the YMCA Breakfast Club once again. Commencing next Thursday (Oct.13) our weekly Breakfast Club will run each Thursday from 8:15 to 8:45am. This is an opportunity for every child to socialise and gain some much needed sustenance for their growing brains and bodies. Children will be able to choose from a selection of cereals, toast and spreads which the YMCA has kindly donated as part of their breakfast program.

For any enquiries contact Chappy Rob (robr@chappy.org.au) or Ms van Bennekom on 5540 4333.

Tuckshop

A reminder to tuckshop helpers to please let the school know, no later than 2pm on a Tuesday if you cannot do your rostered Tuckshop duty. As there aren’t any replacement helpers, Tuckshop will be cancelled that week. Notes can then be sent home advising of the Cancelled Tuckshop, allowing each child to bring lunch with them that Wednesday. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Book Club.

A reminder to anyone who is wishing to purchase from the recent Scholastic Book Club catalogues, that order forms and money are due back at school by Thursday October 20 2016.

LIONS CLUB OF BEAUFORD
40th Annual Charity Golf Day
Sunday 23rd October 2016

Cost $15 per entrant for club member
$20 per entrant for non-member
Shot gun start at 10.30am.
Multi draw raffle-over 40 prizes.
Contact Beauford Golf Club for registration on 5541 2291