Remembrance Day

Today is Remembrance Day and all our students observed a minute’s silence at 11 am today to honour and remember our country’s defence force men and women who have served, and are still serving, in our armed forces. As happens every year, our senior school leaders attended the RSL’s service at the Memorial Grounds today as representatives of our school. Thank you, girls. You did us proud.
Bravehearts Visit

The Bravehearts Organisation visited our school yesterday. Bravehearts are invited to address students in primary schools all over the country about personal safety. Bravehearts last visited our school in 2013.

Yesterday, they discussed private body parts with the students, as well as what good and bad secrets might be. They were told that they needed to say “no” emphatically when they were asked to show their private parts to people other than their parents or the doctor. They spoke about the importance of children listening to that voice inside that tells them this is not a “safe” situation and it doesn’t feel right. Bravehearts advised students not to keep bad secrets and to always tell an adult they trust if they are concerned.

The students were each given an information pack to take home. The packs help parents to be able to discuss yesterday’s visit further with their children at home.
**Dates to Remember – November/December 2016**

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**Lifeguard Training**

Presently the school is organising for pool lifeguards to be trained. The school, with the help of a Council grant, will be paying for the training, so there is no cost to the participants. All we ask in return is that each person volunteers some time to do lifeguard duty at the pool during public opening times. Public opening times are 2pm to 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays from October to the end of March, and for as many days of the school holidays as we can, depending on the availability of our lifeguards. During last year’s school holidays the pool was open to the public every day except for Christmas Day.

Lifeguard training has been organised for Sunday, 4th December. Participants need to have a current first aid certificate and may also need to do a little bit of work online before the training day.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in doing this training and helping out as a volunteer lifeguard over some weekends and days in the school holidays, please get them to contact the school on PH (07) 55 404 333.

**Pre-Prep Program**

As we do every year, our school has offered 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 will continue until next Wednesday, 16 November, when it will be the last day of the program. If you know of any children who are in this age group, please let them know that next week will be the final week.

At 10:30 am the new pre-preps’ parents are invited to have morning tea with the staff in the school’s staffroom. Parents will have a chance to meet and chat with the staff in
an informal way. The principal, together with junior school staff and a member of the P&C will provide a short information session after morning tea. Parents are invited to ask any questions they may have about our school, our curriculum, routines and procedures at this time.

We hope to see as many of our new parents there as possible.

**P&C Trivia Night - 19 November**

As the trivia night in 2015 was a great success, the P&C decided to hold another trivia night this year. The night promises to be just as much, if not even more fun, this year. The theme for this year is “Dress as your favourite celebrity from any decade, or wear the fashion of your favourite decade.”

The event is licensed and finger food is provided throughout the night. The cost is $20 per person with a maximum of 8 people per table.

The venue is the school hall and the event starts at 7pm, on 19 November.

In addition to 4 rounds of trivia questions, there will be some fun novelty events, and includes a competition for best decorated table, best dressed team, best dressed individual and lots of prizes!

To book, please call, Kaylene, Ph 0407 631 850.

**Looking forward to seeing you there!!**

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**Book Club**

If you are wishing to place an order for book club please return your order form and money by Friday November 18 2016.

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**Rathdowney Swimming Pool is Open to Public**

**Saturday & Sundays**

**2pm – 5pm**

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**Social Swimming for Adults**

Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

**6.00pm – 6.30pm**

$3 or season pass

Come along and swim laps, or just exercise in the water at your own pace – we are a friendly bunch and would love to meet some new people, so come along and give it a go!

For more info, phone Carol 0457 474888
Music News

Our school again participated in the Music Count Us In initiative, with thousands of students singing the same song on the same day. We performed "Let It Play" last Wednesday morning (one day before the official day & time so that Miss B could see it). We practiced singing nicely, smiling and singing our best and did our best to sing well together. We also sang through "Gold" and "Paint You A Song" from 2015 & 2014 Count Us In years, as this year was the 10 year anniversary of this event. Check out the website www.countusin.org.au and feel free to google you tube for the lyrics on screen or cartoon versions if your child enjoys singing the songs.

Miss B

Tuckshop Price List

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Please provide name, year level, order and money in an envelope and drop into tuckshop boxes provided in classrooms. Many Thanks Rathdowney State School P & C
Parents, please note:

If your child is participating in after school swimming training and there is lightning about, please assume swimming training is cancelled. As soon as lightning is seen, all swimmers are required to exit the pool immediately.

This after school swim training is a school-organised activity and, as such, the same protocols apply in the pool—as in the “classroom” and anywhere else, including a parent, who may visit our classrooms outside of school start and finish times, is expected to present himself/herself to the school office to state their business and sign the visitor’s book. Alternatively, parents and visitors could make arrangements with staff prior to visiting the school.

There are prizes and sashes for the winner and runner-up in each category. The categories are Miss and Mrs Rathdowney, Miss Tiny Tot, as well as Minor and Junior.

The school has a duty to care for its students, so the proper protocols must be followed.

Should any parents wish to speak with Ms Masen, the coach, with regards to the students’ training, she has made time available after the class for this.

The school asks for your understanding in this matter and apologises for any inconvenience this may cause.

PH: Amy 0408 778192 or just come along.

Great for building strength and flexibility and for relaxation!

Yoga Class is back on again in Rathdowney Hall.

Every Saturday 9am – 10am

$10 per session

PH: Amy 0408 778192

Rathdowney Dance:

The next Rathdowney Dance will be held on Saturday, November 12th at 7.30pm at the Rathdowney Hall, Collins Street Rathdowney.

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