

RAMSGATE NEWS



Term 4, Week 6 - 16th November 2020

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Message from the Principal

I would like to thank all of our families for their ongoing support during this very difficult year. The Department of Education recently reviewed their guidelines around end of year activities including presentation days. We are currently in the process of developing a Covid Safety Plan that will allow one guest per student award recipient to attend a modified presentation day ceremony that will be held outdoors on the blue court.

We are also hoping to host our annual "Band at Home" event for limited guests. More information will be sent home when our plan has been approved.

Kindergarten Orientation has also been effected by the restrictions. This year we will welcome a small cohort for an hour four mornings a week from 23rd November to 3rd December. Unfortunately, new kindy parents will be unable to take their children to the classrooms or stay for Transition Topic Talks. However, we have planned a zoom session to inform new parents about starting school at RPS.

One of the most positive things that we have witnessed this year due to the ongoing restrictions has been a huge increase in resilience and independence displayed by our students, particularly around morning routines and separation.

I would just like to take this opportunity to send the condolences of the community to Maria from Senior Green and her family who sadly lost their dad recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this sad time.

Lorraine Simmiss-Taylor
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 30th Nov-Thur 10th Dec: Kindergarten Orientation
Mon 7th - Wed 9th Dec: Year 6 Camp
Mon 7th Dec: Year 5 National Park Excursion
Thurs 10th Dec: Years 1-6 Presentation Awards
Wed 16th Dec: Last day for students
Fri 18th Dec: Last day for teachers and staff

P&C NOTICE

The 2nd hand uniform pop up shop will continue to run every Wednesday during term 4 (weather permitting)

When: Wednesday mornings
8:40am - 9:00am

Where: The amenities block in Tonbridge Park
(opposite the OSHC building)

LOST PROPERTY

We will be placing the lost property boxes outside the OSHC gate every Wednesday morning from 8:30am - 9:00am

RAMSGATE OSHC

If you need care for your child before or after school, please contact Ramsgate OSHC on 02 9529 6950 or manager@ramsgateoshc.com.au



NUDE FOOD WEDNESDAYS

We have introduced an SRC Campaign, *Nude Food Wednesdays*. This, along with lessons in our classrooms, will give students a greater understanding of the effect food choices have on our health and the effects of rubbish and waste on the health of our environment.

As such, we are encouraging parents and carers to pack a “Nude Food lunchbox” for students every day, or at least on Wednesdays. This essentially eliminates single use plastics, foils or commercial packaging, and instead, use reusable lunchboxes, thereby reducing waste in our environment. For more information, ways to pack a Nude Food lunch, lunch and snack ideas and recipes, please check eNews.



PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE

All students participated in the Premier's Sporting Challenge throughout Term 3, making efforts to participate in sport, games and physical activity. This meant that we had more students, more active, more often, particularly throughout these times where it can sometimes be hard. Well done to those students in Years 3 – 6 who put in additional efforts to strive for their Bronze, Silver, Gold or Diamond awards based on how much time they were active throughout the week!

Students will receive their personalised certificates from the Premier of New South Wales, acknowledging his/her efforts in continued and sustained physical activity later this term. Please continue to keep up the healthy habits.



NAIDOC WEEK

This week, everybody around Australia is acknowledging NAIDOC week. The theme this year is *"Always Was, Always Will Be"*

Always Was, Always Will Be recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.



Always Was, Always Will Be.

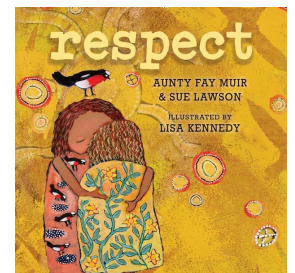
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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists.

At RPS, we have had a variety of activities in our classes during the week. Through sharing stories, music and activities we are acknowledging the importance of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and knowledge to our Australian society.

Stage 3 are looking at the poetry of Alice Eather, a poet from Maningrida, Arnhem Land, who wrote slam poetry which reflected the importance of her land to her identity. In Geography, Stage 3 are investigating Aboriginal land management practices using fire as well as researching past winners of the NAIDOC 'Caring for Country' awards.

Early Stage One students got to listen to the story *Respect by Auntie Fay Muir and Sue Lawson*. They had a discussion around Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders being the first people of Australia and their connection to the land. Students also discussed the importance of continuing to respect the land as well as each other.



In Stage 2, students are appreciating the ways Aboriginal Peoples are connected to the land and how they have a responsibility to love and care for it. Students have been investigating aquaculture, a traditional Aboriginal practice that is still used today. Specifically, a study of the Gunditjmara people from Mt Eccles, a dormant volcano in Southwestern Victoria who built the Budj Bim eel trap system. Students are also exploring the indigenous seasons calendar that provides an understanding of Australian ecosystems.



Aiden

*Here is a beautiful
drawing by Aiden
from 2/1 Purple*

BOOK WEEK

This year our Book Week celebrations were the best yet! The Book Fair was a huge success and it was good and encouraging to see and hear the students engaging in conversation about reading and books.

From our Book Fair sales commission, we will be able to purchase many new books for the library. This year we will also be donating 20% of money raised at the Book Fair to The Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Many books have been ordered and will be delivered to students as soon as they arrive at school. If your child is waiting for a book, we need to be a little patient as this is a very busy time for Scholastic Book Fairs. The Character Book Parade was lots of fun and enjoyed by all! Congratulations on the character dress up! All students and staff made a huge effort creating exciting costumes and props. A big thank you to all families for getting involved. Students enjoyed many in class book related activities that made the day a huge success.

There were so many great entries for the Bookmark Competition. Well done to all of the winners. It was very tough narrowing down the winners for the Community Library.

Well done to **Anna T from 1 Red** and **Harvey P from 4/3 Green** who will be invited to collaborate their beach themed artworks onto the library.

Thank you for your support and encouraging your children to participate in these Book Week events.

Ms Austin, Mrs Brien and Mrs Farah
Book Week Coordinators

BOOK WEEK PARADE

Here are just a few photos from our Book Week Parade (inside due to the rain!)

We have so many gorgeous photos from the celebrations over the 2 weeks so we will be putting together a video for you all to enjoy. The video will be





BOOK WEEK CHARACTER QUIZ

How well do you know your book characters? Try this quick quiz.

Our Librarian Ms Austin, is a teacher of many disguises and has dressed up to give some clues.

You can find the answers on the last page...Enjoy!

<p>1. I am a strict and magical nanny sent to look after the Banks children in London. We go on many magical adventures.</p>	<p>2. I am a grey, hairy spider who is kind, clever, thoughtful and wise. My friends are Wilbur the pig, Templeton the rat and Samuel the sheep.</p>	<p>3. I am a big, yellow, cheeky, mischievous chicken, wear a black top hat and love to travel and take photos of my trips. I have been to Rome, London, Paris and Australia.</p>	<p>4. I am a big, funny cat, a bit goofy, creative and I like to play and have fun. I wear a big red and white hat and a red bow tie.</p>
			
Author: PL Travers	Author: EB White	Author: Leigh Hobbs	Author: Dr Suess

STAGE 3 PUBLIC SPEAKING

At the end of last term Stage 3 held class competitions for interested students to represent their class in a Stage 3 Public Speaking Competition to choose a school representative for the Kogarah Network Public Speaking Competition.

Class representatives were: Leonie (Senior Blue), Lara (Senior Red), Tanisha (Senior Purple), Angelina(Senior Yellow), Meher(Senior Blue) and Malachi (Senior Green).

The results of our Stage Three competition were:

- ◇ Leonie - Highly Commended
- ◇ Tanisha - Highly Commended
- ◇ Angelina - Stage Winner

[You can watch Angelina's winning speech on "The Importance of Fairy Tales" here](#)

Congratulations to all students who showed initiative and talent in preparing a speech and participating in our school competition.

On Thursday, 22nd October, Angelina took part in the final of the Kogarah Network Public Speaking Competition to choose a network representative for the Metropolitan South Operational Directorate Public Speaking Grand Final. Angelina was required to prepare and present an impromptu topic speech over Zoom. The topic was "Everyone's a Winner".

Whilst Angelina was not chosen at this level to progress further in the competition, she presented a sound impromptu speech on this topic.

Well done everybody!

YEAR 6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Monday, year 6 were able to start the week off with a fun Athletics Carnival. The leadership team, along with some other students, helped organise and set up the carnival ready for the year 6's.

There were a variety of sports to choose from - like the bean bag race, skipping rope race, hockey and soccer dribble, egg and spoon race, sack race and the three-legged race.

Students who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd were awarded points for their house. We finished the carnival off with a short relay and long distance race. There was lots of laughter, smiling and fun during the carnival. It was a great way for year 6 to enjoy one last sporting event with their friends!

Results:

Hillary - 76 points

Hinkler - 65 points

Scott - 60 points

Piccard - 44 points



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN 2 GREEN

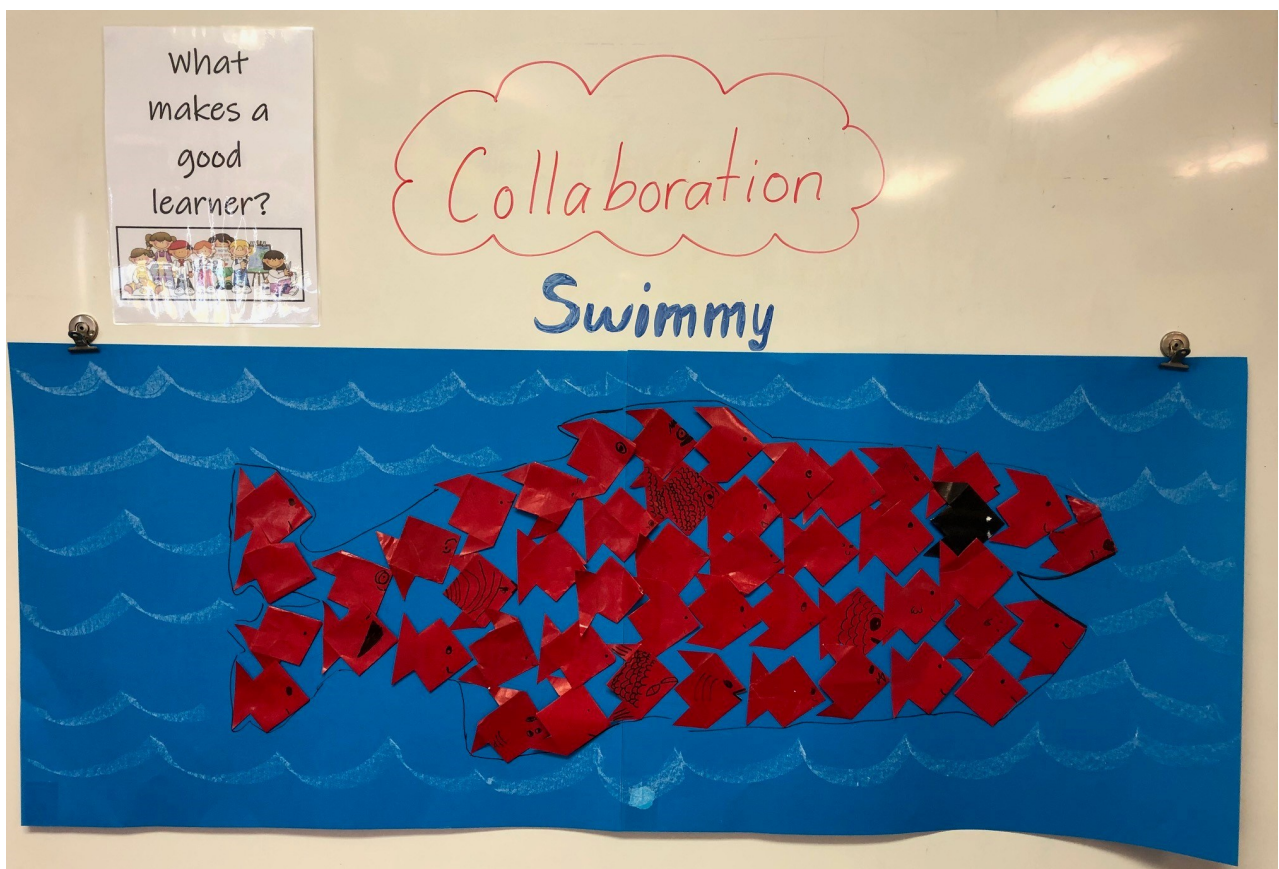
2 Green have been working on the Learning Disposition-Collaboration. We played games to learn how to work positively with team mates in a collaborative manner.



2 Green also read **Swimmy** by Leo Lionni.

Swimmy is a little black fish who is curious and adventurous. He learns about the other creatures in the ocean. When he meets a small group of little red fish hiding among the rocks, he knows he must make a plan. They can't spend their whole life hiding in the rocks. Swimmy devises a plan to have all the red fish all work together and swim in the shape of a large fish and he takes his place among them in the place the eye would be. Swimmy shows his friends how with teamwork and co-operation, they can overcome the problem.

The students created an artwork of Swimmy that involved working as a team, each person contributed in some way.

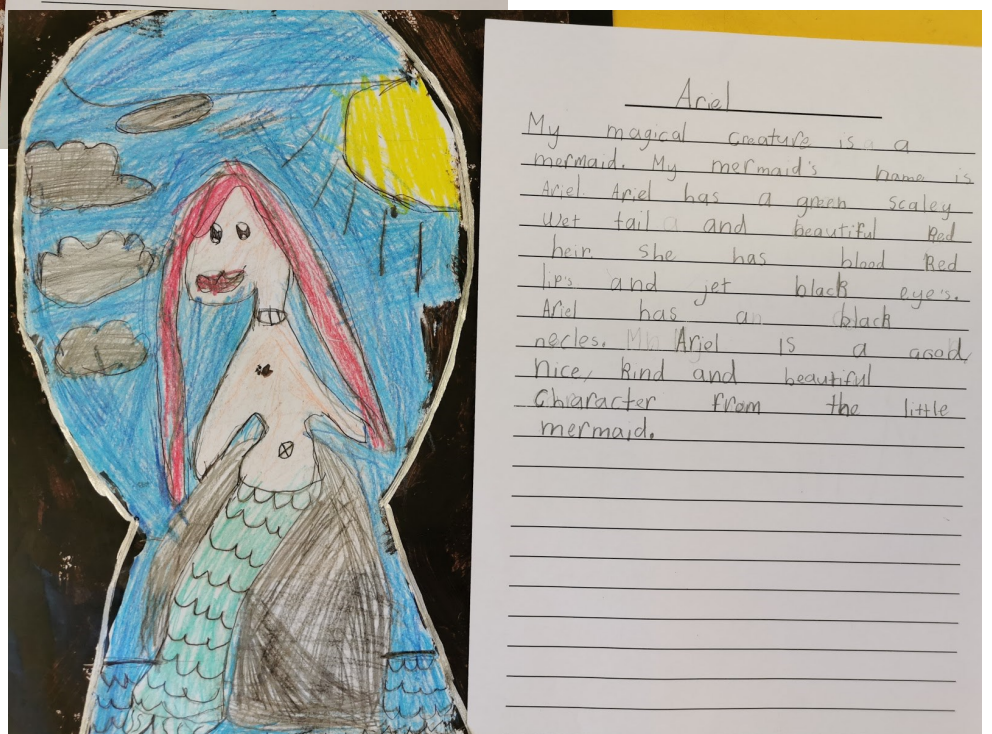
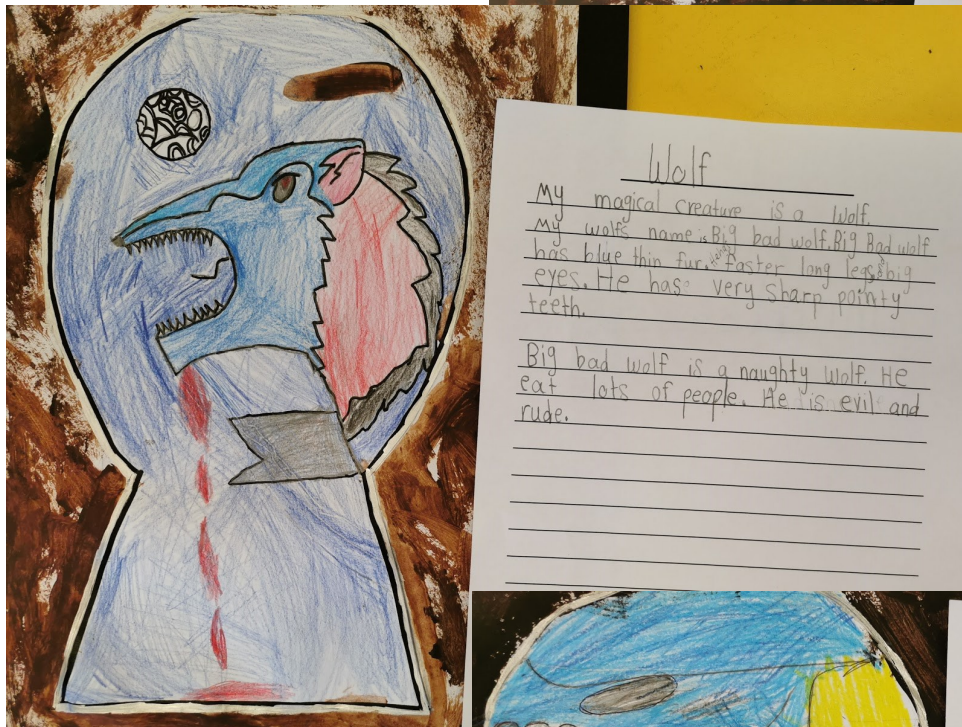
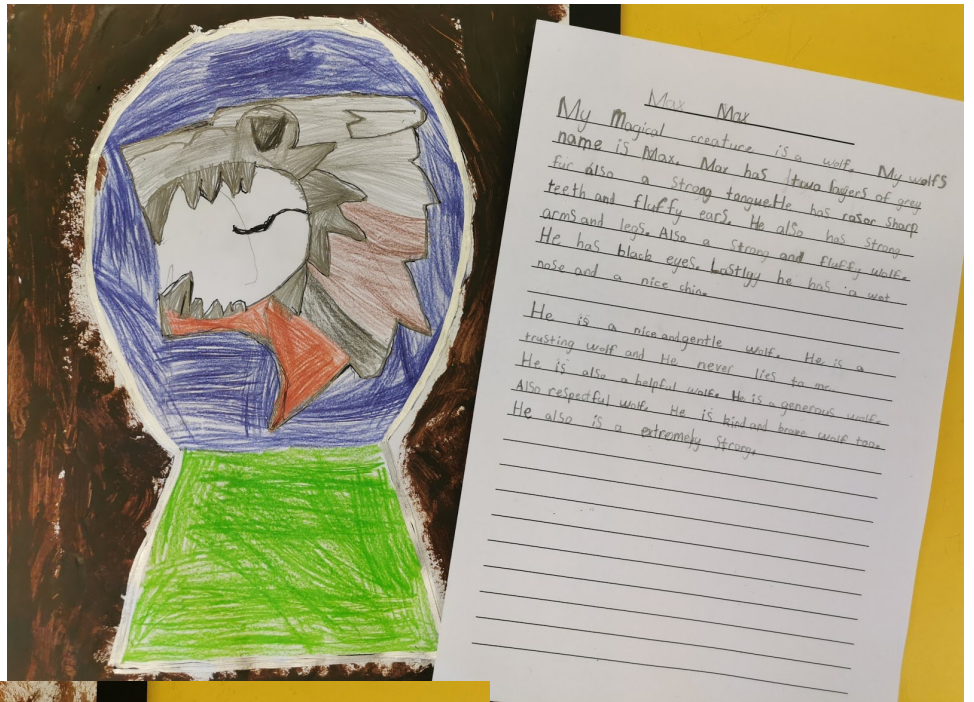


UPDATE FROM 1 GREEN

This term Stage 1 students are learning about traditional fairy tales and imaginary characters.

In 1 Green we created our own imaginary creatures inside a keyhole using paint and colouring pencils. After completing their designs, students wrote a character description of their imaginary creature.

Here are a few examples of our creative work...



News from the K Yellow Room



Playing with Poetry

We have been looking at *morphology* in K Yellow to help us with our spelling. As a result we made a list of words that rhyme and experimented with writing poetry.

Check out Liv Amelie's awesome writing sample it says...



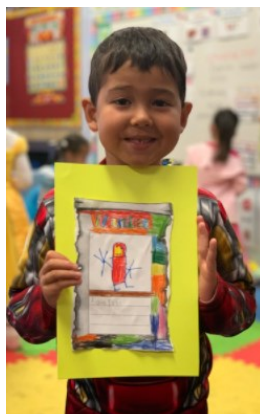
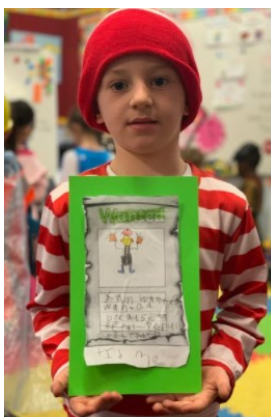
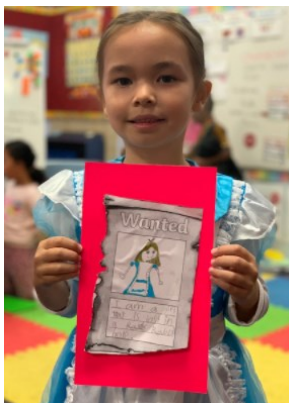
I saw a cat, it sat on a mat.

I got some honey, I got it from a bunny.

I went to the zoo, I saw a poo.

Book Fortnight Character Day

Everyone looked fantastic dressed up as their favourite book character! Students had to create a wanted poster with clues about who they were dressed as. Check out Jessica, Zara, Chokdii and Isaac's awesome costumes and posters!



Remembrance Day

Ruben very proudly wore his Poppy for Remembrance Day.

All of K Yellow observed a minutes silence and heard *Reveille* played on the bugle.

We spoke about the importance of being respectful during the minute silence as a thank you to all the men and women who have fought for Australia.

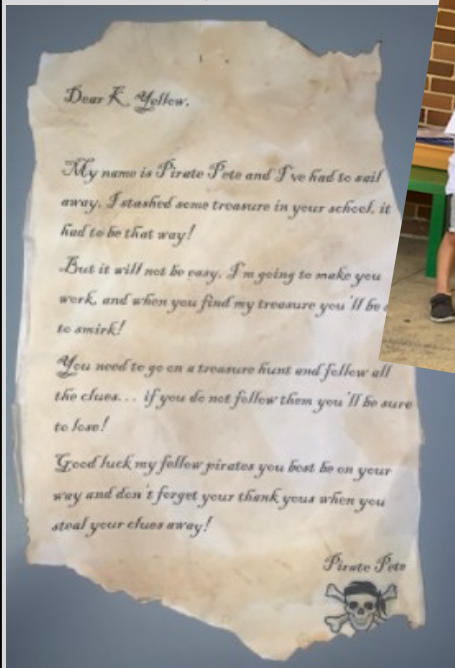




K Yellow's Talk Like a Pirate Day Adventures...



K Yellow students were kidnapped by some mean looking pirates!



They received a letter from Pirate Pete telling them of a hidden treasure!



Jacob's Pirate
Pirate's making treasure!



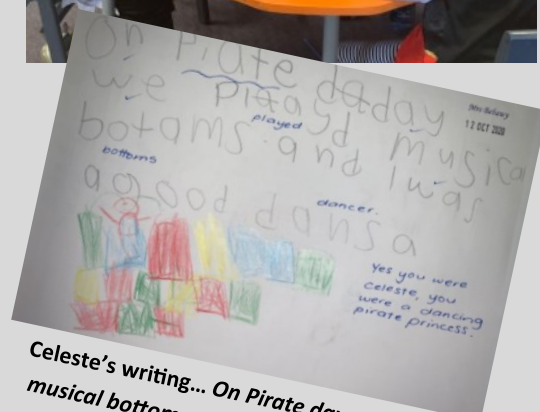
Mrs Samuel's was one of the many teachers who was harbouring clues!



Pirate's making maps!



Evangelia's Pirate



Celeste's writing... On Pirate day we played musical bottoms and I was a good dancer!



X marks the spot!

A POSITIVE MESSAGE FROM KIDS GIVING BACK...

Dear Ms Simmiss-Taylor,

It is with great pleasure I am able to write to you about the extra-curricular achievements of the following students over the past few months which took place during weekend events with their families and school holiday activities:

Talia Silva
Avery Kemp



Kids Giving Back is a charity that provides meaningful, hands on experiences for children and young people to give back to others. Through our charity partners we arrange opportunities for them to provide assistance and support via preparation of meals for the homeless, packing of care packs and creating resources, as well as packing and delivering hampers for people experiencing food scarcity.

2020 has been a difficult one for many people and the opportunity for children and young people to assist in this way has significant mental and physical health benefits for both the giver and the receiver. I would like to reassure you that all your students were required to adhere to our COVID-19 Management plan which can be accessed through our website kidsgivingback.org/covid19-management-plan

Your students were all enthusiastic and keen to not just participate in the activity but also to learn more about the cause they were supporting.

It would be appreciated if you could acknowledge their community service through the school newsletter or assembly and hear them share their stories of the impact the experience of giving back to others has had on them.

Each of these young people are a credit to your school community and each displayed a high standard of respect and responsibility with the tasks they undertook. We are most appreciative of each of them.

Many thanks
Robyn Monro Miller F.A.C.E

ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

Again this is an important reminder that we have had to say so many times...

There have been **various concerns/complaints** from parents and staff regarding cars parked illegally at drop off and pick up times. This is another reminder to please take care and follow the road rules at all times.

- Do not stop in a NO STOPPING zone - even if you are staying in the car - it is illegal and unsafe
- Do not stop or park across a driveway - even if you are staying in the car and waiting for your child. This is extremely dangerous as the footpaths must be kept clear at all times for our kids to walk on
- Please hold your child's hand when walking to and from your car. We don't want to see our precious little ones running on the road by themselves

Please also remember that our **gates open at 8.30am** therefore no children should be dropped off before 8.30am. There is no supervision before 8.30am and the children have to wait outside the gate unsupervised.

If you need care for your child before or after school, please contact Ramsgate OSHC on (02) 9529 6950 or manager@ramsgateoshc.com.au

CONGRATULATIONS RAMSGATE RAMS UNDER 12 BOYS AND GIRLS!

Ramsgate Rams under 12 boys played in the AFL grand final at Olds Park against Penshurst Panthers during the school holidays. The mighty Rams came out on top with a thrilling 44-28 win. Well done to Hunter Flower, Fletcher Houghton and Lucas Jennings on a nail-biting grand final win for 2020! We are all very proud!

Similarly, Ramsgate Rams under 12 girls were triumphant in their grand final game against Western Suburbs Magpies. This is a first ever win for a female under 12s teams in the history of the club. Big congratulations to Mia Chapman, Nastasja Bego, Lucia Martin, Lara Kean and alumni student Emily Hodge.

To both of our victorious teams, your wins have reverberated through your community and we are all beaming with pride. Keep up the good work, you have done a marvelous job at representing not only your community but also your school.



RPS SMALL BUSINESS LIST

BUSINESS NAME	SERVICE/S PROVIDED	CONTACT NAME	CONTACT DETAILS
Aelite Dental	Dental Surgery	Bianka Kotevski	02 9567 1618 admin@aelitedental.com.au
Andre & Dominique	Photographers	Dominique Elich	0404 871 983 www.andredominique.com
Clockwork Locksmiths	Mobile locksmith & In shop service. All types of locks supplied and installed. Locks rekeyed, all key cutting domestic and automotive	Zac Phillips	0409 101 787 / 1800 256 259 callinfo@clockworklocksmiths.com.au 41 Regent St, Kogarah
Cloud Finance Dept.	Bookkeeping and accounts for small businesses / sole traders. BAS & full year accounts. Expert in Xero accounting package.	Vesna Stosic	0402 05 2261 vesna.cloud@gmail.com
FrenchEz tutoring	After school hrs on Wednesday and Thursday from 5 years old to 11 years old beginners to advanced	Marie	0415 644 347 Frencheztutoring@gmail.com
Fresh Impressions Clothing	Premium quality women's, men's and kids slogan t-shirts, tanks and hoodies plus custom printing available	Kelly	0420353545 info@freshclothing.com.au www.freshclothing.com.au
Inborn Vitality	We are a family chiropractic centre in Botany caring for bumps, bubs and beyond	Vanessa Barry	0402 026 357 www.inbornvitality.com.au www.facebook.com/inbornvitality
Infinite Shine Cleaning Services	Fogging decontamination, disinfection and quantity control, Offices, Day care centres, Medical centres and pathology labs, Carpet and tile cleaning	Barry Kouros	1300 944 916 info@infiniteshinecleaning.com www.infiniteshinecleaning.com
Kitty and Tex Hair Studio	Hair salon specialising in haircutting and all creative and maintenance colour techniques	Beck Norman	www.kittyandtexas.com.au Shop 6, 662 Botany Rd, Alexandria
Life Is Now	Husband-wife duo, creating detailed imagery and short family films that tell stories about life - the excitement, the joy and the heartfelt	Dominique Elich	0404 871 983 hello@lifeisnow.com.au www.lifeisnow.com.au
OS plumbing services	All plumbing from tap washers, hot water heaters, to fixing broken pipes and new install of all plumbing products	Greg Nimmo	0413 189 905
Rise Up Krav Maga	Self-defence lessons for all ages	John Kontaxakis	0405 801 101 riseupkmg@gmail.com www.kravmagaramsgate.com.au
Sparkle & Co Candles	Providing triple scented candles, premium reed diffusers and hand and body washes	Natasha Tripodi	0401 281 818 Instagram: _sparkleandco_ Facebook: sparkleandcocandles

BOOK WEEK CHARACTER QUIZ ANSWERS...

1. Mary Poppins from Mary Poppins
2. Charlotte from Charlotte's Web
3. Mr Chicken from Mr Chicken Goes to Paris
4. The Cat in the Hat from The Cat in the Hat