

RAMSGATE NEWS



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Message from the Principal

How to talk to your kids about coronavirus

- Don't be afraid to discuss the coronavirus. Most children will have already heard about the virus or seen people wearing face masks, so parents shouldn't avoid talking about it. Not talking about something can actually make kids worry more. Look at the conversation as an opportunity to convey the facts and set the emotional tone.
- Be developmentally appropriate. Don't volunteer too much information, as this may be overwhelming. Instead, try to answer your child's questions. Do your best to answer honestly and clearly. It's okay if you can't answer everything; being available to your child is what matters.
- Deal with your own anxiety. When you're feeling most anxious or panicked, that isn't the time to talk to your kids about what's happening with the coronavirus.
- Be reassuring. It's helpful to reassure your child about how rare the coronavirus actually is (the flu is much more common) and that kids actually seem to have milder symptoms.
- Focus on what you're doing to stay safe. An important way to reassure kids is to emphasize the safety precautions that you are taking. Kids feel empowered when they know what to do to keep themselves safe. We know that the coronavirus is transmitted mostly by coughing and touching surfaces. Thoroughly washing your hands as the primary means of staying healthy. So remind kids that they are taking care of themselves by washing their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds (or the length of the "Happy Birthday" song)
- Stick to routine. Kids don't like uncertainty, so predictability is going to be helpful right now.
- Keep talking. Tell kids that you will continue to keep them updated as you learn more. Let them know that the lines of communication are going to be open, 'Even though we don't have the answers to everything right now, know that once we know more, mum or dad will let you know, too.'
- Avoid watching news and current affairs programs with your children. The repeated newscasts around the virus and the updating of statistics can cause unnecessary anxiety in children of all ages.

Lorraine Simmiss-Taylor

I would like to take this opportunity to give a big shout out to The Ramsgate Public School Community. Your support of the strategies that we have had to put into place to manage the current changes necessary to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff has been amazing.....

Thank you.

Ms Simmiss-Taylor

Calendar

Term 1

09/04

Last Day Term 1 (Thursday)

Term 2

27/04

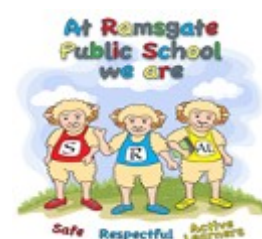
Students return (Monday)

02/07

Last day term 2 (Thursday)

03/07

SDD (Pupil Free)



The SRC induction day was amazing. We did gardening, learning each other's names and traits, coming up with new ideas for the school and we made class plant boxes.

LEARNING ABOUT EACH OTHER

Learning each other's names was fun. We were given a tabled chart with everyone's class on it then we had to go find which SRC's were with which class with our fellow SRC classmate. Not only did this mean we learned each other's names but we were able to know them as people to turn to when we're alone or need support. The next part of this activity was to stand up if you do this or if you have this - for example they may say if you have an older sister or brother stand up and change spots with someone else or if you ate weet-bix this morning stand and change spots with another person. This showed us that we may all be different in some ways, but there are many similarities between us all and the wider school group.

By Audrey Hodge

GARDENING

We did some gardening during the day to make the school look better. It was really hard. Some of us used large shovels, spades and rakes to get the weeds out of the garden and others were using their hands with gloves on to pull out small weeds and clean up the garden beds. Now some small areas of the school like in front of the K-2 soccer field and in front of the Kindergarten area look a bit better, and that was all done thanks to the SRCs.

By Vasili Papintonio And Edited By Audrey Hodge

NEW IDEAS FOR THE SCHOOL

In our groups we discussed that we wanted to change some things in our school. We came up with projects like recycling and bringing back the return and earn initiative. We also discussed ideas of getting the canteen repainted and adding more bins to the playground.

By David Koloroski And Edited By Audrey Hodge

LITTLE CLASS GARDEN

We got to create our own little garden in a planting box. We planted basil, coriander and parsley. As you can see they are starting to sprout. We water them once a week. There is parsley, basil and coriander here growing. Every class from Years 2 - 6 has one of these pods. In small groups, we planted these small plants in these tub sort of things that you can see here. The process to make these is: 1 Get a tub, 2 get the soil and put it in the tub, 3 dig little holes in the soil, 4 put the seeds in the soil and five close the flaps on the top until the plants start to sprout.

By Brendan Lieu



STORIES FROM THE LAST MONTH...

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

On Friday the 28th of February, Ramsgate Public School participated in our annual Clean Up Australia Day. Each class enthusiastically helped clean up their designated area around the school by picking up rubbish, big or small. Ramsgate students love to help the environment by looking after our school and local waterways, and recycling. In the classroom 1RED worked together to help sort items into the correct 'bins' to follow on from the day and wrote about how they can be an Environmental Superhero for our planet.

If I were Green Hero GiGi, I would help clean the school by picking up rubbish.

If I were Green Hero Asila, I would help the planet by sorting rubbish into the correct bins.

If I were Green Hero Mia, I would help the planet by not digging holes and filling them up with rubbish.

Well done Ramsgate PS. Keep doing your bit!



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A shout out to:

- ◇ Our brave Year 3 students who competed for the very first time
- ◇ All the kids who competed in a race – you earned a house point for your team. Well done!
- ◇ Our wonderful cheer squad of mums, dads and carers who gave great encouragement to all our swimmers, especially our kids who needed a little extra support
- ◇ Our amazing staff at Ramsgate who helped run our wonderful carnival – they had the demanding jobs of marshalling, announcing, timekeeping, recording, supervising students and maintaining all the race records
- ◇ Our supportive parents who cheered on their own as well as other kids in each race
- ◇ The kids and parents who know that winning isn't everything – your sportsmanship will take you far
- ◇ The kids who learnt that being disqualified is a normal part of competition and listened to the teachers about simple ways to improve their racing skills
- ◇ The girls and boys who competed against their classmates and then congratulated each other after the race – you are truly inspiring
- ◇ The Stage 3 kids who helped clean up the area even though they were hot and tired!
- ◇ Mrs Strong who did an incredible job of organising our swimming carnival and all the work she did behind the scenes to make it a great day!

2020 BOTANY BAY ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday 6th March the Ramsgate PS Zone Swimming team competed at the Botany Bay Zone Swimming Carnival. All students competed to the best of their ability and gave their all at Bexley Pools. Each and every student that attended represented Ramsgate PS wonderfully, upholding the schools well regarded sportsmanship and competed whole heartedly with that awesome Ramsgate PS spirit.

Congratulations to all competitors. Our Senior Boys relay team finished 2nd in their race and will now compete at the Sydney East PSSA Swimming Carnival. Our Senior Girls relay team finished third in their race. All competitors should be extremely proud of their efforts on the day. Thank you to all parents for their support on the day, it was greatly appreciated.

Mr Gerakiteys & Ms Strong



Senior Girls Relay Team



Senior Boys Relay Team



2020 Ramsgate PS Zone Swimming Team

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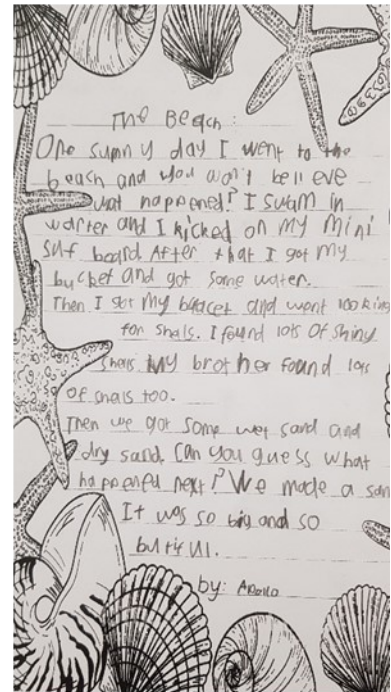
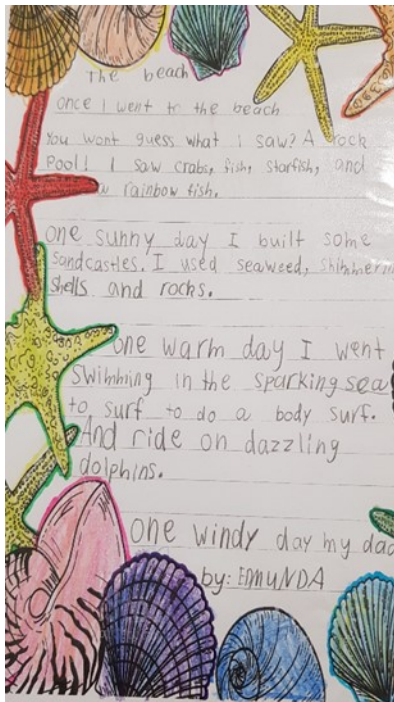
This term in Kindergarten Red, students have been engaged in many different learning activities. These include L3, Mathematics, TEN, Sport, Art and Clean Up Australia Day.



2 RED

This term has been a busy one and we have been working very hard with our Writing and Art.

We read "The Magic Beach" by Alison Lester and then created our own imaginative stories about a day at the beach. Some of us used alliteration and adjectives to make our writing more interesting. We also did some art work to show the "sparkling sea" of Alison Lester's Magic Beach.



Another part of our learning has been about the bushfires and how our environment has changed. As a part of our Geography we have looked at the Natural features of places around us. Here is some art work showing the blackened trees left from the recent bushfires.



4/3 RED

4/3 Red enjoyed creating their 'Andy Warhol' inspired self-portraits for Art this term looking at contrasting colours.

Here are just a few of the impressive artworks from our students...



2020 BOOK CLUB



The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of good reading. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our school is participating in Scholastic Book Clubs this year. Once a term during the school year a Book Club brochure will be sent home with a different selection of books offered. You'll find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. I recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

It is easy to order. Just look over the brochure with your child, select the books you want, then order online at www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP Please make sure you order in **your child's class name**. Book Club at our school is **cashless**, so all payments are made online, using a credit card via the **LOOP system** on this website. **See instruction attached.**

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to this website and click on **HELP** in the top menu.

The books you have ordered will arrive around 1-2 weeks after the order is sent to Scholastic. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for the library and your child's classroom; however there is never any obligation to order.

PS: For more information about the Book Club, you can visit the Scholastic Book Club Web site at www.scholastic.com.au You will also find great activities and resources for you and your child.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any questions or phone Book Club on 1800 021 233.

Happy Reading!

Ms Austin

Teacher Librarian and Book Club Organiser

SCHOOL ZONE
8-9³⁰ AM
2³⁰-4 PM
SCHOOL DAYS

40

PARKING SAFELY AROUND SCHOOLS

Road Rules Reminders

HOLDING HANDS IN TRAFFIC

- Children need assistance in the traffic environment until at least the age of 10. They are not equipped physically or developmentally to make the crucial decisions to keep themselves safe.
- All children need to be actively supervised in and around moving vehicles including on footpaths, shared paths, driveways and car parks; at traffic lights, zebra and other road crossings; and on quiet streets and busy roads.
- Your children are always watching and want to be just like adults. Make sure you always set a good example around traffic and talk to your children about why you are stopping at the kerb and what you are watching and listening for. Explain where and when it is safe to cross and why.
- Hold hands with your children around traffic. If your hands are full, make sure your child holds onto your bag, pram or even your arm or sleeve.

Fines and demerit points for school parking infringements are determined by the State Government and subject to change.

The nominated fines and demerit points listed in this brochure are current as at February 2020.

Unaware of any changes to date

DOUBLE PARKING

Do not double park at any time. Double parking is illegal and dangerous especially around schools. It reduces visibility and blocks the road for other motorists.

FINE EXCEEDS \$344 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

U TURNS

- Performing U turns or 3 point turns in school zones is extremely dangerous.
- Performing U turns across unbroken centre lines is illegal and is particularly dangerous around schools.

FINE EXCEEDS \$344 + 3 DEMERIT POINTS

PARKING/STOPPING NEAR INTERSECTIONS

It is illegal to park or stop less than 10m from an intersection without lights as this blocks visibility for turning drivers and creates a hazard for all motorists.

FINE EXCEEDS \$457 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS & CHILDREN'S CROSSINGS

- Slow down as you approach pedestrian crossings and children's crossings.
- Do not proceed if the road beyond the crossing is blocked.
- Do not stop or park in the No Stopping zones on either side of the crossing as this blocks visibility.
- At a children's crossing you must stop at or before the stop line if there is a pedestrian about to cross or already on the crossing.
- Do not proceed through a children's crossing until all pedestrians have completely cleared the crossing.

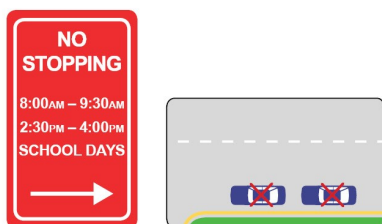
FINE EXCEEDS \$572 + 4 DEMERIT POINTS

NO STOPPING ZONES

No Stopping signs mean you must not stop here at any time. If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times.

An unbroken yellow kerb line is a no stopping line. You must not stop for any reason.

FINE EXCEEDS \$344 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

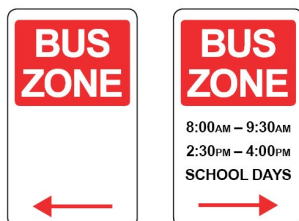


BUS ZONE SIGNS

A Bus Zone is a No Stopping zone for vehicles other than buses. If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times.

You must not park your vehicle less than 20 metres before or 10 metres after a bus stop.

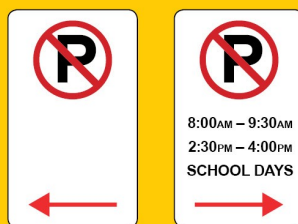
FINE EXCEEDS \$344 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS



NO PARKING ZONES

You can only stop in a No Parking zone while picking up or setting down passengers or goods. You have a maximum of 2 minutes from the time you stop and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times. If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times. **THIS IS NOT A WAITING ZONE.**

FINE EXCEEDS \$191 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS



DRIVEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- When exiting or entering a driveway a vehicle must give way to pedestrians on the footpath.
- Driveways are not playgrounds. Be aware that children can go unnoticed in front and behind your vehicle. Do not solely rely on reverse sensors or cameras in your vehicle.
- Always supervise and hold a child's hand near/crossing driveways.
- It is illegal to park in or across any driveway or to block a footpath at any time.

FINE EXCEEDS \$344 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS



TIME RESTRICTED PARKING

Parking signs with specified time limits allow drivers to park their vehicle for a maximum period of time, eg 5 minutes, 1 hour etc. If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times.

FINE EXCEEDS \$112



USING MOBILE PHONES

- It is illegal to make or receive a call on your mobile phone while you are driving unless your phone is secured in a fixed mounting or does not require you to touch or manipulate the phone in any way.
- It is illegal to use the other features of a mobile phone such as texting, emailing etc unless your car is legally parked and the ignition is switched off.
- Using mobile phones is a major distraction for drivers and incurs higher fines and demerit points in school zones.

FINE EXCEEDS \$457 + 5 DEMERIT POINTS



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