From the Principal

School Fete
This Friday is our Mini Fete which the SRC with Mrs Balfoort have been busy organising. The fete is on this Friday starting at 4.00pm and finishing at 7.00pm. It should be a great event with lots of little stalls, games, showbags and the P&C are running a BBQ. If you can help out or have any items that can be sold please contact the school or just bring items to school tomorrow. There has been a lot of work put into this event by the students in the SRC and Mrs Balfoort so please come and have a great evening. Just a reminder that this is an after school event and all students need to be supervised by their parents.

Stage Two T20 Cricket Day
The Milo T20 Cricket day will be held for the students in years 3 and 4 tomorrow. Students need to take their recess, lunch, a hat and plenty of water. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to drive students to the event.

Intensive Swimming
We have decided to bring the intensive swimming program forward one week. The starting date for the program will now be Monday the 17th of November. Students will travel to the Kandos pool each day to participate in learn to swim activities with the last day being Friday the 28th of November. An amended note will be sent home for those students who have already sent their notes in or who have been identified as students who are unable to swim.

Art EXPRESS
Next Monday the students in years 3-6 will be travelling to Bathurst to view the Art EXPRESS exhibition at the Bathurst Art Gallery. Please make sure all notes are in by tomorrow.

Dropping kids off in the morning
Just a reminder that staff are not on duty to supervise students until 8.50am. Students who arrive early will not be supervised until the bell goes at 8.50am. Please also note that the police have been actively enforcing the speed zone and parking / stopping restrictions in the front of the school. Please set an example to our children by following the rules.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Lucy whose artwork has been chosen to be displayed on all end of year stationery. All entries are now on display in the front office.

Special Dates this Term,
Year Five captain speeches and voting will be held on Monday the 1st of December at 2.00pm.

Awards Assembly will be held on Friday the 5th of December at 9.30am.

Presentation Night will be held on Thursday the 11th of December at 6.00pm.
The Year Six Disco will be held on Monday the 15th of December.

Alexandra Cashman
Principal
**CLASS 2/3 NEWS**

I told you it would be a busy week!! Phew! Besides our Blue Mountains excursion and visiting the Wollemi Art Exhibition, Yr 3 are heading to Mudgee for the T20 Blast Cricket Day tomorrow. On Monday Year 3 will be out again when they travel to Bathurst for the Art EXPRESS exhibition. Year 2 have been great Infants leaders, helping Mrs Balfoort with fete preparations as well as completing some fantastic work this week. I am so proud of their helpfulness and hard work. We are all looking forward to tomorrow afternoon’s fete. Thank you to the parent and child helpers who have volunteered. Even if you are not sure if you can help come along and visit our cake stall. You will be able to but some delicious weekend treats.

On Monday Miss McNamara arrives for 5 weeks of prac teaching in the 2/3 classroom. We welcome her and hope she enjoys RPS as much as we do.

*Mrs Suttor*

**K-1 NEWS**

This week we have written a persuasive text titled “That Clowns are Better than Acrobats”. The children put forward some interesting points such as squirty flowers, funny tricks and sparkly leotards. They have published these on the computer with borders and pictures. At Sport this week we played T-Ball. The children participated enthusiastically with great hitting and catching skills. They are nearly remembering to run around the bases, not just ‘run’!

*Mrs Balfoort*

**BLUE MOUNTAINS EXCURSION**

Yesterday we had an awesome day with a group of fabulous children and excellent parent helpers. Year 3 & 4 travelled to Scenic World at Katoomba. Our guide, Sharon, took us on the Skyway which flew over the Katoomba Falls and looked across to the Jamieson Valley. We then travelled down the world’s steepest railway to the rainforest below. We walked on the boardwalk, past the old Katoomba Coal Mine (the reason the railway first existed) and through some magnificent rainforest. We heard lyrebirds but weren’t lucky enough to see them. However we saw some beautiful trees and the huge destruction that storms caused, whereby part of a cliff face fell off and destroyed huge trees. The way the canyon is always changing even amazes the tour guides. From the valley floor we then caught the cablecar back to the top of the mountain, amazed at the beauty surrounding us once again.

Our bus driver, Chappy, then drove us to Echo Point where we joined many tourists to look at the Three Sisters. After lunch and a play we headed home. It was one of the best excursions that we have been on and it was a pleasure to take the children from Years 3 and 4. They were beautifully behaved, enthusiastic, inquisitive and great fun!

*Mrs Suttor & Mrs Atkins*

**PEER SUPPORT**

We focus on the family this week in Peer Support. In order to encourage young people to be resilient, we need to help them find the people who can support them. The children are asked to remember things they have learned to do with the help of various family members. This led to an activity that showed the children how the support of members of their family can make them more resilient.

Thank your child for something they have done for you and discuss all the people within and outside your family that your child can turn to for support.

Due to the excursion to ArtExpress, there will be no Peer Support next Monday.

*Ms Burcher*

**BANDANNA DAY—FRI 31ST OCT**

Friday October 31st is Bandana day, supporting children with cancer. Children can wear their bandanas to school however they wish that day. That means you only have one more week to purchase your bandanas or pens from the school leaders on the verandah each morning.

*Ms Burcher*

**THE MINI FETE**

It’s nearly here! The children are excited, the SRC members have done a wonderful job organising it. It is certainly a big event for the children to run. They have given up their lunchtimes and before school to plan the activities.

A big thanks to the P&C for their help in running the barbeque. Also to all of those parents and grandparents who have donated both goods and time to help make this a fun event. If possible, could children please bring lots of little coins. It just makes it easier for the flow of money on the day. Prices vary from 10c bargains to $1 for the games, $5 for showbags and various prices for cakes and lollies. Looking forward to seeing you there!

*Mrs Balfoort*
P & C NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop is open on Friday afternoons from 3-3.20pm. Please note that the Uniform Shop will not be open on Friday 24th October.

JOLLY JOKER AT ‘THE GLOBE’
Rylstone Public School P&C and the Rylstone Kandos Preschool are the beneficiaries of this fundraiser held each Friday evening at The Globe. This week’s ticket sellers are from the preschool.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Little Athletics
We are looking to form a Little Athletics Centre in Kandos/Rylstone. An adult member of your family is invited to attend an “Information Meeting” which will be held:

Where: Kandos Sportsground, Kandos
When: Thursday 23 October 2014
Time: 4.00pm

Any queries or if you are interested in being a committee member, phone Kylie on 0427 702 320
RYLSTONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL MINI FETE!

DATE: 24th OCTOBER

TIME: 4.00-7.00

INCLUDES:

IPAD RAFFLE, DISCO, MUSIC, WHITE ELEPHANT STALL, BAR-B-QUE,

3 LEGGED RACE AND LOTS MORE.

COME ALONG IT WILL BE SO MUCH FUN!

Come to Rylstone Public School