



# Rand Public School

## NEWSLETTER

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Week 7 Term 4

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### Reminders

- Cooking \$2.00 each

### Notes Due in:

- P&C Excursion—  
intention to participate  
by Tues 25th Nov.

### Dates to Remember:

- Book Club due in  
tomorrow Friday 21st  
November.
- Presentation Night Mon  
15th December.

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Many thanks to parents who attended our P&C meeting on Tuesday. We were able to get through a number of agenda items. Most importantly we were able to discuss our vision and strategic directions for our school over the coming three years. A copy of this is attached with the newsletter. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to call me.

With the fires in the Blue Mountains on the news, it is timely to remind parents that our School evacuation plan for bushfires is in the process of being finalised. As Rand PS is in a bushfire 'prone' area the school will seek advice from the Rural Fire Service and Department of Education and Communities about when to seek shelter or evacuate. In the event of a bush fire the school will enact it's Lockdown procedures and seek shelter in the brick building/main classroom. If the school needs to evacuate, we will evacuate by foot to the Rand Recreation Ground, an "area of last resort".

We welcome Mr Callan Eccleston from Charles Sturt University. Mr Eccleston is doing a three week practicum and has already impressed students with his cricket skills! Next week Mrs Wiltshire will be on Long Service Leave, so we wish her a safe holiday and will see her next year. Art will continue as normal on Wednesdays.

Tracey Southam

### Creative Catchment Launch

Recess will be provided for all students next Monday 24th November as part of the Creative Catchment Kids book launch.

### Raffle—Presentation Night

Please remember to send in your non-perishable items for our P&C Presentation Night raffle.

### School Surveys

A reminder—please return your survey by Friday 28th November. Surveys are anonymous and voluntary. Completed surveys can

be placed in the box in the front office.

### Cooking

For the last cooking sessions this year each group will choose to make a Christmas Treat. This week students will make Reindeer cupcakes with Angie. Please remember your **\$2.00** payment.

A reminder cooking will be for recess so children will need to bring their lunch as normal.

### Save the Date

This year the P&C have organised an end of year excursion to Albury and Jindera. Students will be seeing "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" which is rated PG. We will have lunch at Jindera and enjoy a swim in the pool.

Travel will be by private vehicle and parents and siblings are welcome to join us. This excursion is being funded by the Rand P&C however parents and siblings not enrolled at Rand PS will be required to pay for their movie ticket, lunch and pool entry (\$20—\$25.00 each approx). Please complete the attached intention to participate note and return by Tuesday 25th November. We require firm numbers so movie tickets can be purchased. A permission note will be sent out next week.

### Scholastic Book Club

A reminder Scholastic book orders and payment are due tomorrow—Friday 21st November for those wishing to place an order. This is the last issue for the year.

### Book Learning Award

Students chose Ed as "his work was neat and he always tries hard".

### Lucky Draw Award

Tammy received the award this week for waiting patiently and listening.

### Student of the Week

Kate was chosen Student of the Week for showing initiative to get set work tasks complete.

**Best memory about school so far is...**having friends

**Something important your parents have taught you...**what to do if you are bitten by a snake

**What are you good at?** soccer

**A good friend is someone who...**cares for you and plays with you

**What makes you smile?** Watching Mitchel do "Mitchell's"



## Term Calendar

Date	Event
Friday 21st November	Assembly
Monday 24th November	Creative Catchment Book Launch
Wednesday 26th November	SES Truck Visit and Talk
Friday 5th December	P&C Excursion
Wednesday 10th December	Year 6 Lunch
Monday 15th December	Presentation Night
<b>Wednesday 17th December</b>	<b>Last Day School for Students</b>
Thurs/Fri 18/19th December	Staff Development Day

### P&C Excursion—Intention to Participate

The following people (adults and Rand PS student siblings) will be attending the P&C excursion to the Albury Cinema and Jindera Swimming Pool on Friday 5th December 2014.

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I understand that I will be responsible for payment of tickets, lunch and pool entry for the above people. Approximate cost \$20—\$25.00 per person.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this note to school by Tuesday 25th November 2014.**

**For the next three years we will focus on 3 strategic directions.**

**Our school vision:**

Our core business is to provide the best education possible for the students in our care.

With parents we consider students' academic, sporting, social and cultural needs.

We strive to prepare our students for the wider world, building their character and self-esteem.

We support our community and our community supports us.

<p><b>Strategic Direction 1</b></p> <p><b>Learning</b></p> <p>Our students deliver their best.</p>	<p><b>Strategic Direction 2</b></p> <p><b>Leading</b></p> <p>Our teachers are world class.</p>	<p><b>Strategic Direction 3</b></p> <p><b>Local</b></p> <p>Our community is supported and supporting.</p>
<p><b>Purpose</b></p> <p>To ensure every student in our care is engaged in meaningful learning experiences that develops broad educational knowledge and helps them achieve their full potential as a learner, leader and responsible citizen.</p>	<p><b>Purpose</b></p> <p>To inspire a life-long passion for learning through high educational standards, a challenging learning environment, teacher quality, professional development and a relevant and engaging curriculum.</p>	<p><b>Purpose</b></p> <p>To continue rich, positive and trusting relationships that improves parents and the wider community's capacity to support student learning.</p>
<p><i>We will achieve this by doing:</i></p> <p>Gifted and talented/differentiated learning            One on one assistance for children needing extra support            Continue TEN for K-2 children – Targeting Early Numeracy            Begin for Yrs 3-6 TOWN – Taking off with Numeracy            HOW2Learn            Reflect on own and others learning            Improve comprehension in all Key Learning Areas            Problem solving in Mathematics            Improve student IT skills            Music and Dance            Public Speaking            Drama</p>	<p><i>We will achieve this by doing:</i></p> <p>Teacher Annual Review Schedule            National Curriculum            Professional Learning Plans            State and Government reforms adhered to            Inspire and motivate others            Well-developed Literacy and Numeracy activities on Network Days            Fundamental Movement Skills taught and assessed (funded by Live Life Well)</p>	<p><i>We will achieve this by doing:</i></p> <p>Football Netball Carnival            CWA Country of Study            Super 8s            Kitchen/Garden program            Apply for Chaplaincy program funding to develop community connections with students and adults/Interest groups            Repaint toilet (funded by CMA)            Promote Healthy lunchboxes            100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Gallipoli</p>

# Reindeer Cupcakes

## **Ingredients**

### *Cake*

100g dark chocolate  
1 cup (250ml) water  
125g butter, softened  
1 1/4 cups (255g) brown sugar  
3 eggs  
1 1/2 cups (225g) self-raising flour  
1/2 cup (75g) plain flour  
1/4 cup (30g) cocoa powder  
36 large pretzels  
18 white chocolate buttons  
18 red M&M's  
36 green M&M's  
Chocolate piping gel

### *Chocolate buttercream*

125g butter, softened  
3 cups (600g) icing sugar mixture  
1/3 cup cocoa powder  
2 tablespoons milk

## **Method**

Preheat oven to 160C. Line eighteen 1/3 cup (80ml) muffin pans with paper cases.

Combine the chocolate and water in a medium saucepan over low heat. Cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until chocolate melts and mixture is smooth. Set aside to cool completely.

Use an electric mixer to beat the butter and sugar until pale and creamy. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add the combined flours, cocoa powder and chocolate mixture, in batches, and stir to combine. Divide evenly among the lined pans.

Bake in preheated oven for 20 minutes or until a skewer inserted in the centres comes out clean. Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

To make the buttercream, use an electric mixer to beat the butter until very pale. Gradually add the icing sugar, cocoa and milk, in batches, beating well between each batch.

Spread icing evenly over each cupcake. Arrange the pretzel on each cupcake to create antlers. Place a white chocolate button on the opposite side to create a nose. Use the piping gel to attach the red M&M's to create a red nose. Arrange green M&M's for eye, and top with chocolate piping gel for pupils. Place on a serving platter to serve.

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