



Newsletter

Dates for the Diary

December	
Friday 10 th	3-6 Business Expo – 9.15am Graham Hyde Memorial Service, Barooga Sports Club – 12 noon
Monday 13 th	Presentation Night – 5.00pm
Tuesday 14 th	Year 6 Farewell Luncheon – 1.00pm
Wednesday 15 th	Walla Walla Pool
Thursday 16 th	Last day of School - Students
Friday 17 th	Staff Development Day
January 2022	
Friday 28 th	Staff Development Day
Monday 31 st	Staff Development Day
February 2022	
Tuesday 1 st	K-6 Students Return to School -Term 1

Respect, Kindness, Best Effort

Dear Families,

What a fun, action-packed end of the year we are having – with so much more to come next week! Last week our K-2 students had bike day, the 3-6 class had a party and today we enjoyed Christmas activity rotations in our Peer Support groups. Tomorrow the 3-6 class are looking forward to pitching their small businesses at our Business Expo, commencing around 9.15am.

Please read this edition of our newsletter carefully as there is lots of important information regarding organisation for our three main events: Presentation Night (Monday night at 5pm), Year 6 Graduation Lunch (1pm Tuesday) and our trip to the Walla Pool (Wednesday).

Vale Graham Hyde

This year we will dedicate our annual Presentation Night to the memory of Mr Graham Hyde, beloved Principal from 1990-2005. In consultation with the P&C, we have also established a perpetual shield to honour Graham: The Graham Hyde Senior Values Award. The citation reads:

Mr Graham Hyde was Principal at Rand Public School for 16 years from 1990 to 2005. Mr Hyde was passionate about the power of sporting and recreational opportunities to transform young people's lives. He was instrumental in establishing the Rand Football-Netball Carnival as a feature in the region's junior sporting calendar and the major annual fundraiser for our school.

Mr Hyde was a committed teacher and school leader who believed in developing students as well-rounded individuals, with the skills to strive for their personal best, care for others and contribute to their community. We award the Graham Hyde Senior Values Award to a student from Years 3-6 who consistently upholds our school values of kindness, respect and best effort.

Special thanks to Amanda McCall and Courtney Trethowan who spent hours trawling through the school photo archives to unearth some very special memories of Graham and put together a legacy book of photographs for his wife, Catherine, and their family at Graham's memorial tomorrow.

Presentation Night – Monday 5pm

We will commence our annual Presentation Night at the Hall at 5pm. Thank you for understanding that, this year, Presentation Night is a parents-only event. Pre-school aged children are welcome to attend, but unfortunately older siblings are not able to attend due to COVID restrictions. Families will have allocated seating to allow for physical distancing. Your children will sit with you during the ceremony.

Please ensure that you arrive in plenty of time to check-in using the school QR code and to show staff your Medicare digital vaccination certificate. Without this proof of vaccination, unfortunately we will not be able to allow you to enter the venue.

Zoom link: The event will be live cast as a webinar via the Zoom platform for any family members who are unable to attend. Please note that you will need a **registered Zoom account** in order to join. <https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/62104377785?pwd=dUQyT3VUSjI0K2tUSDBuZUZyaE1TUT09> This link will also be emailed.

Costumes: This year, students will not be having a full costume change, instead they are asked to bring a checked-shirt or similar (country theme) to put over their school uniform. Hats may also be brought. **Please have your child bring their shirt (and hat if applicable) to school with them on Monday for our dress rehearsal.**

Year 6 Graduation Luncheon – Tuesday 1pm

We will be switching the lunch and recess breaks on Tuesday. Your child will not need to bring lunch – this is catered by our wonderful P&C. I would especially like to thank Linda Collier and Melinda Andrews for the phenomenal effort that goes into catering for our whole school, plus Year 6 parents!

Year 6 parents will have received their invitation. Once again, check-in and proof of vaccination will be required for all adults in attendance.

Walla Pool – Wednesday 10am-2pm

Thank you to the parents who have offered to drive their children to the pool – this has enabled us to travel in one bus and halve our transport costs! We are looking forward to enjoying a fun day with you. Children will be swim-tested on arrival and receive a coloured band indicating which pool they are permitted to swim in.

Lunch will be catered with a sausage sizzle, prima and icy pole for all students.

Please ensure your child brings: sunscreen, a broad-brimmed hat, water bottle, recess snack and fruit, towel, change of underwear and a plastic bag for wet swimmers. They should come to school wearing their swimmers under their school uniform.

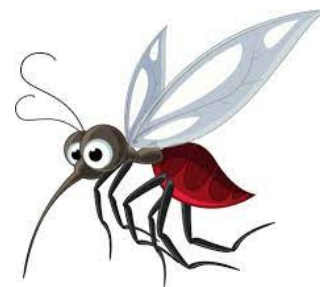
Construction and Security During the School Holidays

The much-anticipated redevelopment of our 3-6 classroom and library will finally take place over the summer holidays. The ceiling will be replaced, new carpets installed, walls painted and a moveable partition wall installed. Thanks to the generosity of our amazing P&C, new library shelving will be installed.

1.8m site fencing will be erected around the work site for the duration of construction. I would appreciate our community's assistance in monitoring the site and reporting any unauthorised access. Please contact the School Security Response Hotline on 1300 880 021 if you notice any suspicious activity.

Mosquitoes

Families will be very aware that we are experiencing a mosquito plague brought about by recent flooding. We would strongly encourage you to apply mosquito repellent to your child before they come to school and to pack roll-on or pump spray repellent for re-application throughout the day (no aerosols please).



Peer Support Christmas Rotations

Today students had a wonderful time making salt dough ornaments with Miss M, Coconut Ice with Miss Dean, Santa craft with Miss Wright and playing games with Mr Morphett. We had zooper doopers at recess time and took home a candy cane. Thank you to our wonderful teachers for going the extra mile to plan these fun activities.



Finally, I would like to congratulate our students and staff on their extraordinary efforts over the last semester and this year, and to thank you, our families and parents for your support. Rand Public School is a special place thanks to each and every one of the people who go the extra mile for the benefit of our students.

Wishing you all safe and happy holidays.

Joanne Scherf
Principal (Relieving)

K-2 News

Last Friday students in K-2 celebrated filling their fuzzy jar with bike day. Students brought in their bikes and scooters and rode around with their peers. Lots of students had big smiles on their faces which was wonderful to see.

Thank you to the families for making this possible by bringing in and collecting bikes and scooters at the end of the day. We also made our robots for MAPPEN using recyclables. Students created amazing robots with lots of different features.



Last Wednesday students in years 3-6 participated in an incursion. Auntie Lorraine (local artist) and Hannah from MAMA museum visited our school. Students had the opportunity to learn about Aboriginal culture and witness art produced by Auntie Lorraine. It was interesting to hear how each art piece was made and how her artwork tells a story. Students were fortunate enough to touch and feel the texture of Lorraine's artwork (as pictured below). Students then decorated a possum using Aboriginal inspired designs. Our artwork will be sent to MAMA museum as part of a collage display feature.

