



# School Newsletter

Week 08, Term 1, 2024

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## Upcoming Events 2024

### Week 8

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Eco-Rangers Meeting

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

7am Mountain Bike Club

NAPLAN

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Harmony Day Assembly

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Whole School Assembly

Interschool Netball Carnival

COLOUR SMASH FUN RUN



### Week 9

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

NAPLAN

School Photos Day 1

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

School Photos Day 2

*From the leadership team*



Dear families,

Greetings to everyone in our beautiful multicultural community. Though we are experiencing many sickness absences I am pleased to report that the Ross Park spirit is alive and kicking. It is great to see the resilience in our children as they learn from someone who is different from their normal teacher. As teachers we all do things slightly differently and difference is often a challenge to all of us.

In Harmony Week our challenge is to recognise difference, accept difference and celebrate difference. We have children from all over the world and it has been heartwarming to see children from Pre- School to Year 6 working and playing together in harmony (I feel a song coming on there).

The assembly for Harmony Day saw Mr. Michael, our multi-capable maintenance man, start early today moving all the chairs from our outdoors soft-fall area into the hall due to the very early morning rain. As a man from Glasgow, I can't get quite as excited by the rain as Alice Springers (not sure if that is the collective noun for people who live in Alice) can get.

Michael's hard work paid off with a very colourful assembly as the world passed before our eyes and ears. With shoulders back and smiles to launch a thousand ships, hundreds of students walked, danced and sang, proud of who they are and proud of where their families have lived for thousands of years.

In New Zealand, Maori talk about "nga taonga tuku iho" or "the gifts from our ancestors." In other cultures, we have songs that teach us of heroes- and sometimes villains- that remind us of the long history that gave birth to us. Many of our songs talk of our ancestors being strong, others of being fair and many about being kind.

It is no surprise then that our school values are to be strong, to be fair and to be kind. Sometimes as we start to reach the end of term, we can get tired and forget who we are and what our ancestors have taught us. If that happens then I encourage all of us to take a deep breath and remember “nga tonga tuku iho”. Remember who we are and the heroes who came before us.

And when we breathe try to remember that Ross Park Primary School is a fun place to learn and it is a safe place to learn.

Warm regards



Steve McCarthy

Senior Teacher - Inclusion



CALLING ON ALL FAMILIES

# Rona Glynn Preschool Bake Sale

ANNOUNCING OUR FIRST PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!  
WE'LL BE HOSTING A BAKE SALE AT THE:

**'BUNNINGS EASTER FAMILY EVENT'**

**THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2024, BETWEEN 5PM-7PM.**

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS PURCHASING NEW OUTDOOR  
BLOCKS FOR RONA GLYNN PRESCHOOL, VALUED AT \$2,500!

WE ARE CALLING ON OUR PRESCHOOL FAMILIES TO BAKE SOME  
SPECIAL TREATS TO DONATE TO THIS INITIATIVE. BAKED GOODS  
CAN INCLUDE, YET NOT LIMITED TO; CAKES, CUPCAKES, LOAVES,  
COOKIES, TARTS AND PIES. PLEASE ENSURE TREATS ARE WRAPPED  
AND READY TO BE PRICED AND SOLD! IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO  
VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME TO HELP PRICE OR SELL AT THE EVENT,  
PLEASE BE IN TOUCH WITH SARAH GEORGE.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR TREATS TO PRESCHOOL ON  
WEDNESDAY 20 OR THURSDAY 21 MARCH.**

WE INVITE YOU TO COME DOWN AND SUPPORT THIS COMMUNITY  
EVENT, HELD AT BUNNINGS.

OUR SINCEREST THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!  
THE RONA GLYNN PRESCHOOL FAMILY COMMITTEE



One of the best parts of being the principal is when students are excited to share their great work with me and even print it out so it can go in my office!! Thanks Maggie, you made my day!





**ROSS PARK  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
*Learning-Knowledge-Life*

The end of Term 1 is nearly upon us. We know how tiring Term 1 can be as students and teachers settle back into school routines and push ahead hard with learning. Thank you for your support throughout Term 1.

Easter is slightly earlier this year, occurring at the end of Week 9. As we have school photos booked in, and no assembly scheduled for Week 9, our Easter raffles will be drawn on the last day of school (Friday the 5th of April), as a little 'extended' version of Easter for 2024!



Families will get one book each to sell, and tickets are \$2 each. Additional books are available from the front office if you wish to grab them.

Please return all tickets and money to the front office by Wednesday 3rd of April, at the very latest.



Winners will be drawn at assembly on Friday morning and families will be contacted if they are not present.

Happy Easter!

# NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 22 March 2024

IT'S SO FUN!



**RIDE2  
SCHOOL**

[ride2school.com.au](http://ride2school.com.au)



# STORMBIRDS

Designed  
by Eve  
Sweeney

## SIGN UP

**Ross Park Oval**

**Thursday 21 March**

**5pm-6:30pm**

**6:30pm-9pm**

**Fundraising BBQ**

**For interstate NAFA trip**

**For more info:**

**[stormbirds.soccer@gmail.com](mailto:stormbirds.soccer@gmail.com)**



# Let's Build Strong Bodies

Here's a simple secret to ensure your child's lunch is both delicious and nourishing: include plenty of protein! Protein is the foundation for strong, healthy bodies.

Proteins are essential for growth and maintaining a strong immune system. So, how can you incorporate more protein into their lunch?

- Make a sandwich with lean meats or egg salad.
- Serve hummus, yoghurt-based, or bean dip with veggies for dipping.
- Yogurt and cheese also make fantastic protein-rich snacks.

Protein provides energy, supports muscle development, and keeps your child's immune system in top form. Offer protein-rich foods in their lunchbox everyday to ensure they get all the superhero strength they need.







**Interested  
in  
ARCHERY?**

**Come visit Dead Centre Bowhunters ...**



**... at their OPEN DAY**



**Date:** Sunday, 17th & 24th March  
**Time:** 10am — 1pm  
**Where:** Ilparpa, follow Archery sign turn off

**More Info:**  [Dead Centre Bowhunters](https://www.facebook.com/DeadCentreBowhunters)  
 [www.ntarchery.org.au](http://www.ntarchery.org.au)

**Free lunch & refreshments**

**Enclosed Footwear**

**Don't forget to ...**  **slip! slop! slap!**



**CENTRAL REGION  
SPORT EDUCATION**

**SOCCER TRIALS**  
@ ROSS PARK OVAL

**12 YEARS & UNDER BOYS & GIRLS**

<b>TRIAL 1</b>	<b>TRIAL 2</b>
<b>MONDAY, 18 MARCH</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH</b>
<b>4:30 - 5.30PM</b>	<b>4:30 - 5:30PM</b>

Students born in 2012, 2013 and 2014 are encouraged to try for selection. Age dispensation may apply for students born between 1 July 2011 and 31 December 2011 (turning 13 in the last half of 2024)

These trials are for selection into the Inter-Region SSENT Soccer Championships in Darwin 18-20 June 2024

Please contact your school for permission forms, or contact School of Sport Education NT.  
**Students MUST submit a signed form to be eligible to participate in the trials.**  
 centralsport.doe@education.nt.gov.au or 0460 037 977  
 www.sporteducation.nt.edu.au

