

Railway Town Times

Term 3 Week 4



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What's On?

Tues 7th Aug – AAS starts

Wed 8th Aug – Public Speaking Alma PS

Wed 8th Aug – P & C Meeting 7.00pm

Thurs 9th Aug – Free Performance K-4

'Chrissy's Island Family'

FREE PERFORMANCE

K-4 will be attending a free performance on Thursday 9th August at the Broken Hill High School Hall. Travel will be by bus. The performance begins at 10.00am.

The show 'Chrissy's Island Family' is a multi-Deadly ARIA Award nominated children's show created by, and featuring the recorded-voice of indigenous entertainer Christine Anu.

Editorial

Congratulations to the students who represented Railway Town at the combined athletics carnival on Thursday and Friday last week. Particularly the outstanding performances by Destiny and Mackenzie.

Thank you to our parents and community who supported our school and students last week in the various Education Week activities. It was great to see everyone through a very busy week.

This week Public Speaking competition is on Wednesday. Thursday sees the Chrissy Island show taking place for K-4 which is free of charge.

Next week is the **orientation and opening of our own Railway Town Mobile Preschool**. It is indeed an exciting occasion for our Railway Town community. The orientation will commence at 1:00pm on Monday 13th August. Then the first full day on Tuesday and then on each Monday and Tuesday from 9am til 2:30pm.

A further fete meeting was held last week and organisation continues. I will be asking each class for a parent contact to assist with organisation much like the last fete. If you are available please let the teacher or myself know.

Have a great week.

Nigel Sherrard

Principal

CARNIVAL GLORY!



Railway Town performed very well at the Broken Hill Combined Athletics Carnival held on Friday. Destiny Martin and Mackenzie Chester where both runner-up Age Champions. Well done!

KINDERGARTEN 2013

Attached to the newsletter is a form asking parents to indicate if they have a child starting Kindergarten 2013 at Railway Town next year. If you know of anybody in your neighbourhood who will be coming, please fill in the details and return it to school.

CLASSIFIEDS

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to all this week's award winners!

K/1R – Phoebe Philp, Darneil Thomas

1MS – Leitarah Stokes, Justin Cochrane-Adolfson

2/3M – Maddison Fenton, Luke Nicoli

3/4V – Tahlia Bannerman, Angus DeFranceschi

4/5B – Simone Hartnett, Alex Gray

5/6M – Britney McInnes, Waylon Probert

MB – Ryan King

COTW – 1MS, 3/4V, 4/5B & 5/6M

Home Reading

50 Nights

Kiarra Bloomfield

75 Nights

Maggie Dowton

100 Nights

Porshia Dragut

125 Nights

Abbashay Pinnuck

Tamara Thomas

150 Nights

Shayle Huxtable

Abbashay Pinnuck



Community News



Caught Being Good

K/1R – Makenzie Hannan

1MS – Cody Welsh

2/3M – Kihl McEvoy

3/4V – Holly Appleby

4/5B – Byron McGeorge

5/6M – Jack Burke

MB – Carlin Eastly

Assembly

Assembly this week will be conducted by Miss Church and her band of helpers. The assembly will be held on Friday at 12.15pm.

Canteen News

Helpers still required

PRESCHOOL OPENING

The preschool opening this term is delayed due to a wait on tradesmen. The preschool will commence week 5 Monday 13th August. Parents will be notified by Rainbow Preschool if their child has received a place.

Thank You

A big thank you goes to Café Kona who gave Railway Town a large amount of Woolies Earn and Learn Sheets.



RAILWAY TOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN 2013

My child _____ DOB _____ will be attending Kindergarten at Railway Town in 2013.

My neighbours child _____ DOB _____ will be attending Kindergarten at Railway Town in 2013.

Parents Name: _____ Phone No: _____

Address: _____

Level 6 Awards

1MS

Chloe Burke

Level 7 Awards

1MS

Watsana Bamrungphakdee

Duang Bamrungphakdee

Jasmine Fisher

Monique Nicoli

Trent Fenton

Jake McConnell

2/3M

Ebony Jewitt

3/4V

Casey Ferguson

Suni Forner

Ethan Halseth

4/5B

Sophie Kennedy

Shannara Murphy-Eyre

Simone Hartnett

5/6M

Tim Bugmy

Jack Burke

Luke Eyre

Shalea Farquhar

Tyneshia Lavers

Courtney Stuart

MB

Ryan Bugmy



INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose – No. 1 parenting educator



It's not okay to be away ... nor to be late to school

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time.

It sounds simple, but it's true.

The correlation between school attendance and children's achievement levels is well-established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

Conversely, according to a report from the Victorian Auditor General, students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment.

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. Also, many teachers tell me, it's often the kids who can least afford to take time off school who are most likely to be serial absentees.

Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools—and much of it is parent-condoned.

It's hard to get an accurate picture across the country but it would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year, with parent-condoned absenteeism highest among young primary-aged children.

That adds up to a year's lost schooling over the school-life of a child.

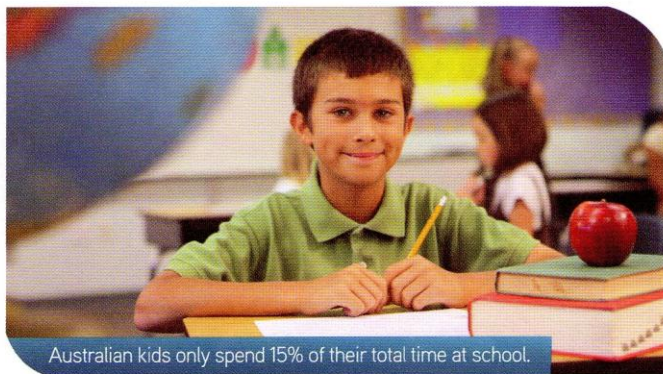
In today's highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

That's not a reason to be away!

It's now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling's birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a sports day or special school event.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don't really value learning or their children's school experiences.

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Being late is not okay either

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

It takes strong parenting...

As a parent myself I know how persuasive children of all ages can be when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear, particularly if they play the guilt card with comments such as "It's not fair that I have to go school today because Auntie is coming to visit!"

Nice try. But the answer should be "No!"

As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day.

Of course, there will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm.

It's reassuring to know that you increase their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And of course regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with NO EXCUSE.

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FRIDAY NIGHT ROLLER DISCO
IS HAVING A

PAJAMA PARTY

WHEN : FRIDAY 24th AUGUST

TIME : 7.30 PM TO 9.30 PM

WHERE : SKATE ARENA , GARNET STREET
NEXT TO MEMORIAL OVAL

COST : \$5 ENTRY FEE, WHICH INCLUDES
SKATE HIRE

IT IS FULLY SUPERVISED
& CANTEEN FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE

**SO COME DRESSED
IN YOUR FAVOURITE P.J s**



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OR CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



Broken Hill Basketball Brings you the Adelaide 36s

The Adelaide 36ers will be conducting coaching clinics on 18th & 19th August free of charge for all children age 5 and over. If you are interested in attending this once in a lifetime opportunity please send an email to bhill36svisit@mail.com with your child's name and age. You do not need to be currently playing – Everyone is Welcome!

Coaching Clinic times are (Please bring a ball if you have one)

Children aged 5 to 10 – Saturday 18th Aug 9.30am to 10.30am

Children aged 10 to 15 – Sunday 19th Aug 9.30am to 10.30am

Children aged 15 & over - Saturday 18th Aug 1.30pm to 2.30pm.

There is also a Meet & Greet/Sportsman night on Sat 18th from 7.00pm to 9.30pm where there will be an opportunity to learn more about basketball and meet the players with interactive sessions during the night. Tickets are \$10 each with children under 18 free. Please note children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Look forward to seeing you there.