

# Railway Town Times

Term 1 Issue 1



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Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013

## What's On?

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Feb – Kindergarten begins**

**Thurs Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – RTPS Swimming  
Carnival**

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Feb – School Photo's**

## Editorial

Welcome back to the new school year 2013. It's great to be back and we are all looking forward to a wonderful year of quality teaching and learning, achievement and fun at Railway Town Public School.

Thank you again for the wonderful support during 2012 we achieved a great deal. We are looking forward to continuing the great work at our great school.

We welcomed our new enrolments and returning students today while our new Kindergarten will begin their journey with us next Monday.

Organisation for our swimming carnival is progressing well for next Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February. We also ask if there are any parents that can help out during that day please let the school know.

If anyone is interested in assisting in the school canteen we would love to hear from you.

Also the School P&C will be calling for new members if you are available.

Have a great week.

Nigel Sherrard

Principal

### School Organisation – 2013

**Principal**

Nigel Sherrard

**Assistant Principal**

Julie Baldwin

#### **Class Teachers**

Kindergarten	K/1R	Jan Riley
Stage 1	1/2P	Lisa Prevett
Stage1	1/2V	Jane Vaughan
Stage 2	3/4M	Denise McInerney
Stage 2/3	4/5R	Rachael Ricketts
Stage 3	5/6C	Ruby Church
MC		Michelle Mack
Library/RFF		Julie Baldwin
Literacy/Numeracy		Jane Vandenheuvel
STLA		Fran LeMay
Rural Area Relief		Marina Berry
Learning Support		
Officers		Kemeree Bottrell
		Jane Kuerschner
		Joanne Wilde
School Counsellor		Bree Turley
SAM		Jan Fraser
SAO		Jane Kuerschner
General Assist.		David Baldwin
Cleaner		Janine Isaac

### ***Finishing Time***

**School Hours are 8:55am to 2:50pm. If you are going to be late picking your child up please let the office know. Students need to be collected from the office if this is the case.**

# CANTEEN LIMITED SERVICE THIS WEEK

## CANTEEN OPENS THIS WEEK - CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED

*The Canteen will be open this week, but if no lunch orders have been received it will close after recess. There will be no salads only hot food this week. If you would like to work in the canteen please fill out the attached form which can be returned to the office if you would like to volunteer. If the canteen is NOT able to run due to lack of helpers it WILL BE CLOSED on some days. A BIG thank you to Leonie and Colin who had the very unpleasant task of cleaning out the freezer which was affected in the blackouts over the holidays. Very smelly!*

## Swimming Carnival

The Railway Town swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February at the North Pool. Students will travel by bus and this will leave the school at 9.30am. Kindergarten – 2 will leave for the carnival after recess and all students will return to school approximately at 1.45pm at the completion of the carnival. A permission note will be sent home tomorrow outlining details and cost.

## Sport News

With the commencement of Term 1 for schools it's also time to get ready for Saturdays Broken Hill Primary Schools Cricket Association's programs for students.

## CRICKET NEWS

Broken Hill junior cricket will hold its rego day at the Plaza 9-10am \$10 per player this Saturday for students K-4.

We need a few more members to make up our Saturday Hardball cricket team. If you would like to play and am in Years 4-6 please come along to training. Cricket training will be 4.30pm Thursday of next week 14/02/2013 at the Railway Town School Cricket Nets. The Coach will be Darren Campbell (former West and Broken Hill super star opening bat).

## School Photos

School photos this year are going to take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. We have been very pleased with the product from Master School Portraits we have signed them up again. Envelopes and information about costs etc will be heading home next week. Thanks for your support with this.

## Information/Permission Forms.

Attached to this week's newsletter are forms that are crucial to the running of our school. Please pay close attention to all aspects of the sheets and ensure the medical information is up to date and correct. We rely heavily on the accuracy of what you tell us. Thanks for your attention to this matter. If we are still waiting for copies of your child's birth certificate to complete their enrolment please bring it in. **A prompt return of the forms would be greatly appreciated should an emergency arise.**

## Aiming For Success

During the course of the three school development days, our staff reaffirmed their commitment to continue our whole school approach to teaching, learning and welfare. Once again, all classrooms will focus on the same process of learning and students will be able to build on the solid platform formed from previous years with the expectations required.

### 5 Steps To Success – Classrooms

1. Come in sensibly
2. Get organised
3. Tune in!
4. Ask questions
5. Give it your best shot!

### 3 Steps To Success – Playground

1. Hands Off
2. Speak Nicely
3. Make Good Choices

Attached is a copy of our Anti-Bullying Policy to assist in making students play their part in Raising Responsibility at Railway Town.

## Junior tennis returns

Get out your racquet... junior night tennis has returned to the O'Neill Park complex. Come by yourself or bring along a friend and take part in a casual, round robin doubles competition under lights each Saturday.

Adult supervision is provided along with a weekly sausage sizzle and a fully stocked canteen.

For those who have never played the game, an approximately one hour coaching session for beginners is also available.

Simply turn up at 5.45 for a 6 start for both the coaching and competition.

It's low cost and lots of fun.

For more information contact Andrew or Lee on 8088 5786 or 0459 063 630.



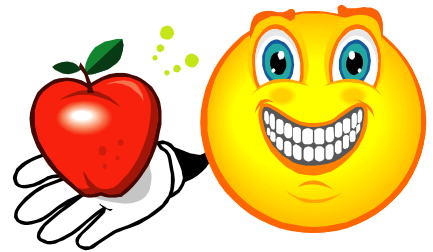


# CANTEEN ASSISTANCE

We are in desperate need of volunteers to help out in the canteen, once a fortnight on MONDAYS to FRIDAYS 8.30am - 1.30pm lunch provided.

If no-one can help out, unfortunately we will have to close the canteen on these days. If you are able to assist us in any way please fill out the form below or contact Jan or Jane in the office on 8087 3008.

Leonie Channing  
Canteen Co-Coordinator



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Name - \_\_\_\_\_

*Which day best suits your family situation re helping out in the canteen?*

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
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*How often is your family able to help out in the canteen?*

<i>Once per week</i>	
<i>Once per fortnight</i>	
<i>Once per month</i>	
<i>Once per term</i>	

*Thank you for anticipated support.*



## RAILWAYTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Each year it is necessary to renew school records. Information is required so that immediate contact may be made in case of emergencies and so that school routine arrangements may be organised. Please assist by completing and returning the form as soon as possible. The following is explanation of each of the permission required for activities by your child. Please complete the note attached which will cover your child/ren for the **whole year**. This minimises notes being sent home for every activity.

### **Privacy Notice**

*The personal information provided on this Information Sheet is being obtained for the purpose of updating the school's records so that immediate contact may be made by the Department of Education and Training in case of emergencies. While the provision of this information is voluntary, if you do not provide all or any of this information it may delay or prevent contact in the case of an emergency. This information will be stored securely. You may access or correct any personal information provided by contacting the school.*

### **Media Permission**

*In order to promote and improve the image of our school we often invite members of the electronic and print media to take pictures of the school and its students. Current regulations require us to have parent permission before these images can be published. We understand that some parents may not wish to have their child's image published. I ask all parents to complete the form below to enable us to publicise school events and successes. **Please note** – Permission does not guarantee that your child's image will be published.*

### **In-School Activities & Performances**

*During the year Railway Town Public School will have visiting performances by various artists/groups approved by the Department of Education and Training. Each performance will attract a minimal cost per student. An average of 1 performance a Semester has been planned. The permission note will cover your child's attendance at **all** performances. This minimizes notes being sent home for every performance. As each performance nears more information will be provided through the Newsletter.*

### **Performances/Activities OUTSIDE School**

*During the year Railway Town Public School participates in activities out of school which involves groups of students and/or the whole school traveling by bus or walking to different venues. Some of these activities include: NAIDOC Week, Willyama Concert, Presentation Day rehearsal, Eisteddfod and Choral Festival. Permission must be given by parents for students to attend these activities in 2011.*

### **Sport Permission Note**

*I give permission for my child/ren to travel by bus/walk accompanied by a teacher to any sporting or training venue outside of the school grounds (PSSA, sport, practices, carnivals, venues, ovals, courts, swimming pool) during the year.*

**Special Religious Education**

*Nondenominational scripture is offered at Railway Town Public School. If you wish your child to receive Special Religious Education please indicate your details on the information sheet. Classes are available for years K – 2. Classes are held for half an hour each week.*

**Family Law Matters**

*If your child/ren is the subject of a Custody Order, Access or any other Family Court matter, information needs to be made available to the school. All original documents must be sighted and a copy will be made and kept with the relevant child/rens file. Changes in circumstances must be notified to the school immediately. We will only act in accordance with the copy we have on file.*

**Ambulance**

*Should a serious accident occur which we feel an ambulance is required, we will immediately call the ambulance we will then contact the parent or caregiver. If you are not contactable, a representative from the school will travel with your child. Students are covered for Ambulance by the school.*

**Medical**

*Please indicate if your child/ren requires regular medication for a specific illness. Should your child/ren need medication administered during school hours you need to speak to the administration staff and sign an indemnity form.*

**Web Services**

*Web Services provides the opportunity for all students to obtain an email account and enable learning opportunities using Internet facilities in a protected and secure environment. Students must understand and agree to the terms outlined in the acceptable usage agreement, which is available from the school when they commence use of web services.*



# RAILWAYTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL INFORMATION SHEET 2013

***Please return to school when completed***

## FAMILY DETAILS

(Please list each child eldest to youngest including those not yet at school)

Surname	First Name	Sex (M/F)	Date of Birth
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

## PARENTAL/GUARDIANS DETAILS

FAMILY NAME: _____	Religion _____
Mother's Name: _____	Father's Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone : _____	Phone: _____
Mobile: _____	Mobile: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____
Work Phone: _____	Work Phone: _____

***Emergency Contacts: At least 2 people whom we can contact should we not be able to reach you directly.***

Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Mobile: _____	Mobile: _____
Work: _____	Work: _____
Relationship: _____	Relationship: _____

Please specify any medical conditions the **school** should be aware of including any daily medication to be taken by the **student**.

Child's Name	Medical/Allergies Condition	Medication	Medicare No

Tick (✓) all boxes where permission is granted

Childs/Children's Name	In-School Activity	Outside Activity	Sport Permission	Media Permission	Family Court Order	Scripture Attendance	Medical Information	Web Services
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I hereby give permission for my child/children for participation and permission for the above activities.

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



## *Teaching children about "stranger danger".*

Stranger danger, are the buzz words commonly used to refer to the important topic of teaching children about the inherent dangers they may face as they venture out into the world. Unfortunately the world is a scary place and there are people out there who prey on children. No doubt, it is a very important issue that all parents must address - and one that requires ongoing, open communication with their children. The single most important thing to remember when teaching your children about stranger danger is to instill confidence, rather than fear. You want to equip your child with the knowledge and strategies they will need to protect themselves in dangerous situations. Also, keep your child's age and maturity level in mind and base lessons upon that. Again, stranger danger lessons should be ongoing - adapt the conversation as your child grows as he/she is likely to encounter different types of situations.

### *Who are "strangers"?*

First and foremost, children need to understand what you mean by stranger. Not all people unknown to them are necessarily dangerous - they need to understand the difference between "good" and "bad" strangers; an overly simplistic dichotomy, but one that puts the issue in terms a child can understand. This is important so children understand where and to whom to turn if they are ever lost or feel scared, threatened, or if they think someone may be following them. Examples of "good" strangers may include police officers, security guards, teachers, store clerks, etc. These are all examples of people to turn to if when your child needs help. On the other hand, in many situations where your child may be approached by a "bad" stranger - the park, residential street, etc - those easily identifiable people may not be around.

Your child should know that there really are many more "good" people, than "bad." If they are approached by a "bad" stranger who tries to lure or physically pull them away, the best thing they can do is get the attention of other adults - whether that is by running to the nearest home, or making enough noise to be heard by someone, the vast majority of adults will help a child in danger.

### *"Stranger Danger", tips and strategies.*

Additionally, the following are important tips and strategies for children to protect themselves:

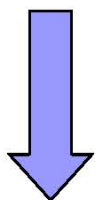
- Know your name, address, and phone number.
- Use the buddy system - avoid walking anywhere alone.
- Trust your instincts - if you feel you are being followed or something is not right, seek help immediately.
- If a stranger approaches you, you do not have to speak to him or her. Never approach a stranger in a motor vehicle. Just keep walking. Do not accept candy or any other items from a stranger. Never walk off with a stranger no matter what he or she tells you.
- If someone is following you try to remember the license plate of his or her vehicle and immediately tell a trusted adult.
- If a stranger grabs you, do everything you can to stop him or her from pulling you away or dragging you into his or her car. Drop to the ground, kick, hit, bite, and scream. Do whatever it takes to attract the attention of others who can help you. If someone is dragging you away, scream, "this is not my dad," or "this is not my mom."

While sharing the above tips with your child is extremely important, the best way to teach stranger danger lessons is through role-playing scenarios.

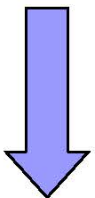
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Children are taught the following steps to help deal with bullying:

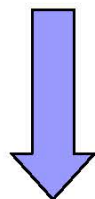
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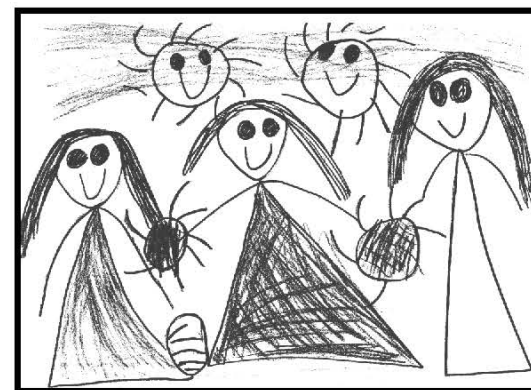
ACTION

## POSSIBLE SIGNS OF BULLYING

- ♦ Less interest in school
- ♦ Not wanting to go to school
- ♦ Complaints of headaches or stomach ache
- ♦ Frequent damage to or loss of property
- ♦ Difficulty sleeping, nightmares
- ♦ Generally unhappy, miserable or moody
- ♦ Having no friends for free time activities
- ♦ Rarely invited to parties / social activities

## Railway Town Public School

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