

Railway Town Times

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What's On?

Wed 29th May – Wheel A Thon
Thurs 30th May – AFL Clinic
Mon, Tues & Wed 3rd, 4th & 5th June
Health Harold Visit
Tues 11th June – RTPS Athletics Carnival

Editorial

It's that time again the Wheelathon is on this week. Wednesday is the big day!

The Sydney Theatre Company has returned to RTPS to teach some drama lessons supporting literacy. The classes last year enjoyed the experience so we will again participate in this program.

The 3/4M students are involved in a 5 a side soccer gala day on Thursday this week. Mrs McNerney is accompanying the students for this great opportunity. Also a huge thank you to Mrs McNerney for organising the cake stall on Friday evening at the football and to the parents that supported the cake stall. Just over \$400 was raised for the Stage 2 excursion.

The AFL skills clinic will be held on Thursday this week for the students.

The Life Education Van will be back to visit next week, please find attached the note for this important program. The school will assist in the costs for this.

Have a great week,

Nigel Sherrard

Principal

WHEEL A THON WEDNESDAY



YES, the great event will be happening on Wednesday 29th May.

The Wheel A Thon begins at 9.00am till 9.30am and all students are asked to participate. Students are asked to bring **pull along** or **push around** objects.

When your child has completed his/her laps and comes to collect the money, would you please enter the amount they collected and initial the card. Cards and money then need to be handed in to the class teacher.



FOR A SAFER, SMARTER LIFE.

**No Active After School Tuesday 11th June
due to RTPS Athletics Carnival**

Classifieds

Assembly Awards

KR – Dustin Welsh, Kiarah
Willadsen-Halliday
1/2P – Trent Fenton, Seth
Wilson
1/2V – Jayden Craker,
Kennith Lohmann
3/4M – Matthew Fisher,
Brydee Peel
4/5J – Kyeesha Sullivan,
Blake Turvey
5/6C – Morgan Wheatley,
Kagen Pearce
5/6R – Simone Hartnett,
Cody Pascoe
MM – Ryan King

Public Notices

Don't forget to
collect your
stickers and
drop your
completed
sheets or sticks
into the office.



CHOCOLATES

We still need to sell
more chocolates for
the Year 5/6
Excursion. If you
would like to sell
some please come
into the office and
we will give you a
box.

Caught Being Good

KR – Harry Wilmore
1/2P – Chloe King
1/2V – Phoebe Philp
3/4M – Kaleb Novello
4/5J – Nataya Hayllar
5/6C – Pyper Mashford
5/6R – Brie-Ann Groves
MM – Morgan Langdon



Mathletics Awards

Gold Award

Oliver Campbell
Tara Gray
Amali Elston

Silver Award

Kiarra Williams
Matilda Garrard
Casey Ferguson
Rowan Martin
Jonty Campbell
Bryce Cieslik
Jack Burke



Home Reading Awards

25 Nights

Talan Pitt
Malarkai Taylor
Madelyn Wheatley

50 Nights

Ella King
Cameron Dunn
Talan Pitt

75 Nights

Shayle Huxtable
Mia Dyson
Jonty Campbell

100 Nights

Amali Elston



Assembly

Assembly will be
held this Friday at
12.30pm. Hosting
the assembly will
be 5/6C and Miss
Church.

Level 5 Award Winners

MM

Jack Robertson

Level 6 Award Winners

KR

Tyler Symonds

1/2P

Tahlia Probert
Lydia Bannerman
Jake McConnell

3/4M

Amali Elston
Caprice Nott
Paige Stewart
Savannah White
Kaleb Novello

4/5J

Chloe Gray
Jordan Bloomfield
Ethan Halseth

5/6C

Tim Bugmy
Tahlia Bannerman
Shannon Hayman
Stephanie Durbidge
Chantel Francis

5/6R

Cody Pascoe
Reece Gard
Luke Eyre
Steven George

MM

Ryan Bugmy
Ryan King

AWESOME

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.

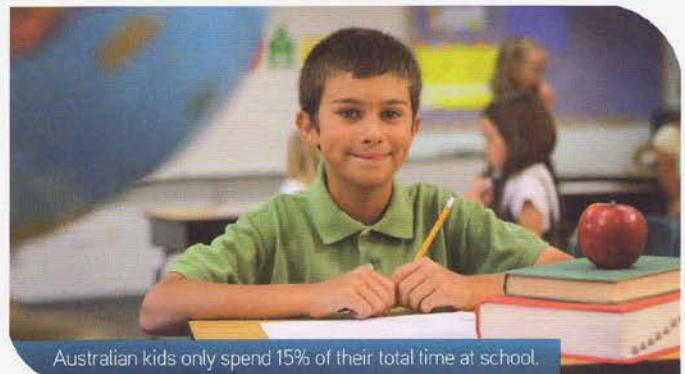
In today's highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

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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