

Railway Town Times

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What's On?

Thur 10th April – COTW BBQ all except 5/6G

Fri 11th April – Easter Hat Parade 10:30am

Editorial

I would like to begin on a serious note regarding two reports which were made to police last week regarding students being spoken to or followed by a person unknown to them. Both incidents were unrelated, occurring in different areas of the town, but none-the-less, warranted a police investigation. I encourage all parents and careers to read the attached information regarding stranger danger and discuss this with their child or children. If, at any time you are concerned about your child's welfare, either travelling to or from school, please contact me or the police immediately.

On a second note, several teachers have expressed their concerns regarding the type of footwear being worn by students particularly on Fridays as this is when most organised class sport is played. We would like to encourage all students to wear closed in shoes to school, preferably laced or Velcro (not Billies) to enable them to participate fully. Wearing shorts on Friday is also a wise option for girls as a dress can restrict full participation in some activities.

Reminder: Next Term begins on Monday 28th April we will be having a Pupil Free Day Wednesday 30th April for Teacher Professional Development.

Kerry-Sue Pascoe
Principal

P & C Easter Hamper

Raffle tickets have been sent home. If you would like more to sell, call into the office and pick them up. We are calling for donations of either Easter Eggs or goods to put in the hamper. Thank you.



Important

Term 2 Start Dates

Next Term will begin on Monday 28th April for all students.

We will be having a Pupil Free Day Wednesday 30th April for teachers to attend a Professional Development course.

GREAT GALAXIES PERFORMANCE

Please bring back your notes and money for the performance this week. Great Galaxies Performance is on Thursday 3rd April for K-6. Cost is \$4 and needs to be paid before Thursday 3rd April.

The performance brings the solar system to your school. The show is conducted by School Performance Tours. Interaction between the performers and audience is part of the program.

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2014 Easter Hat Parade



Friday 11th April Railway Town Public School is holding its annual Easter Hat Parade at 12:00 pm

Children and pre-schoolers are asked to wear an Easter Hat or a favourite dress up

A colouring contest for all classes will be judged

The P & C raffle will be drawn and further tickets will be on sale on the day



Canteen News

Easter Treats Monday 7th April will be available for sale these include hot cross buns, Easter muffins, crispy jellied eggs and lots more.

Classifieds

Assembly Awards

KR – Jezabella Ortega-Minear, Addison Bongetti
1/2C – Logan Ferguson, Lilli Philp
1/2V – Kiarah Willadsen-Halliday, Fraser Ellice
3/4M – Seth Wilson, Savannah White
3/4S – Leitarah Stokes, Caprice Nott
5/6G – Kacie-Lea Dodd, Codie McEvoy
5/6R – Shannon Hayman, Kagen Pearce
MM – Ronald Hunter
Library – Tahlia Bannerman
Principal – Ryan King



Mathletics Awards

Gold
Suni Forner
Silver
Makenzie Hannan
Luke Hall
Oliver Campbell

Caught Being Good

“Ask Questions”
KR – Abigale Novello
1/2C – Lachlan Bongetti
1/2V – Kenneth Lohman
3/4M – Matilda Garrard
3/4S – Mia Dyson
5/6G – Nataya Hallyar
5/6R – Jessica Langdon
MM – Kyron Gray



Home Reading

25 Nights

Phoenix Singleton
 Frankie Wallis
 Jonty Campbell
 Tan Bamrungphakdee
 Ryan Bugmy



Assembly

Caught Being Good Awards will have a targeted focus each week. This week it will be awarded for **“Ask Questions”** Assembly will be at 12:30pm each Friday. This week’s Assembly will be conducted by Mrs Riley and KR.

Cricket

Railway Town lost a close game on Saturday. Alma 91, Railway Town 84 runs respectively. Casey Ferguson made 26 with Trent ‘Warnie’ Fenton taking 2 for 10. It was a great effort for the first half of the season boys. Look forward to seeing you all at the end of the year to finish the season.



During the school holidays the library will be holding sessions that will include craft activities and other fun games.

Sessions will be held on:

Craft Sessions Free
 Monday 14th April
 Wednesday 16th April
 Wednesday 23rd April
 11am-1pm

LEGO Club
 Thursday 24th April
 1pm-5pm



Games Day - Mad Hatter Theme
 Saturday 26th April
 2pm-5pm
 Ages 8-15
 Gold Coin Donation
 Bookings Essential

There are board games and LEGO available to play. Just ask one of the staff at the front counter!

BULLETIN BOARD

Centenary 2014

Plans are forging ahead for our Centenary celebrations. If you have any old pictures or know of somebody with them please bring in to the office. We will scan the pictures and hand them back.

Paver Order Form

Attached to the newsletter is the order form for the paver if you or you know somebody who would like to order one please fill out and return with the money to the office. Please check out the pavers at the front of the school near the office to see what they look like.

Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion

We have the tickets for our iPad Raffle which will be used to help fund the excursion. Tickets will go home this week. Parents will also be contacted to sell tickets on a Friday evening with staff.

The cost of the excursion is \$335.00. Year 5/6 are currently selling chocolates to help raise money for their excursion. If you would like to help us sell a box (put it at your work) please come into the office and we can provide you with one. Also just an ideaHow about when you give out Easter gifts to people this year you buy a box of our chocolates. This means you help somebody and more importantly you can save money.

PLEASE RETURN CHOCOLATE MONEY IF YOU HAVE ANY AT HOME. Thank you

KINDERGARTEN PERMISSION FORMS

Railway Town will once again be participating in the Allied Health in Outback Schools Program throughout 2014. This program is a partnership between the University Department of Rural Health (UDRH), University of Sydney, Far West Local Health District (FWLHD) and local schools. The aim of the program is to make it easier for families in Broken Hill and the Far West to access allied health services for their children. The Allied Health in Outback Schools program will involve Occupational Therapy and Speech Pathology students.

If you have not already done so, please return the permission notes to the office.

Centenary News

Preparations are underway for our Centenary Celebrations. The celebrations will be over a 3 day period October 23rd, 24th & 25th. We will be having a formal dinner on Thursday 23rd October, Official Ceremony at the Friday Assembly as well as a twilight fete on Friday 24th October and on Saturday 25th an open morning at the school for people to come and look around.



Level 5 Awards

Congratulations to the following students

1/2C

Logan Ferguson

3/4S

Mathew Fisher

Ebony Jewitt

KR

Nerida Taylor

1/2V

Cohan Siemer

Tahlia Probert

5/6R

Rowan Masrtin

Tom Burke

MM

Kyron Gray

3/4M

Taiden Spencer

Luke Nicoli



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 in still 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.



Name Pavers

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YOUR NAME WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY

INDIVIDUAL PAVER

At a cost of \$ 35 or more entitles YOU to have your name engraved into a paver



Engraving details: Please print clearly in block letters. Each square represents one letter, number, space or punctuation mark. (32 max)

A unique and lasting record of your support.

Memories & milestones. Celebrate a wedding, new baby, birthday or anniversary. A tribute to someone special.

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Phone:

Offer closes on Friday 23rd May 2014

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Railway Town Public School needs your support!

