



The Best in the West

Railway Town Public School

Newsletter

Term 1, Week 3

Tuesday 11 February 2020



Welcome KW!

Yesterday we welcomed our new kindergarten students for 2020. Kindergarten had a fantastic first day of school. They explored their new classroom, looked all around the school to find Hairy Maclary, made some great craft and read lots of books together.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Swimming Carnival is this Thursday for years 1-6. Buses will leave by 9am. Years 1 and 2 will return at 1pm and primary will return by 2pm.

Due to the new regulations by the YMCA, primary students are no longer allowed a 'free swim' at the end of the carnival. Only children entering races will be allowed in the pool. We do apologise for this and we are following YMCA rules.

OPEN AFTERNOON

Open Afternoon will be held next Tuesday 18th February from 4:30pm - 6pm.

This is an opportunity for you to meet informally with your child's class teacher and members of the P&C as well as wander through all learning spaces. We will provide a free barbecue and refreshments as well as fun activities for children of all ages. We look forward to showing off our school to the community and hope you are able to join us for the afternoon.

Assembly will be hosted by 3/4G this Friday at 12:30pm

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FROM THE ENGINE DRIVER

Welcome back everyone! I would like to welcome all of our current and new families to Railway Town and hope that you and your child find our unique school a friendly and supportive place where every child is known, valued and cared for.



For some, the year 2020 may be just another year and for others it will be very special and significant. For all of our students and families, I am hoping it is the latter. This year signifies the start of a new decade, where we will see advancements in digital technology occur at a rate faster than ever anticipated. Our students will be privileged to be part of this rapid change and we can only hope that we are able to keep up with them as their connection with the digital world exceeds our level of understanding. Be prepared to learn from your children as they become more informed about the world than we could have ever imagined possible.

Significantly, 2020 is also a time for me to reflect on my past 40 years as an educator of young minds. I have a lot to feel proud of throughout my education journey and being the principal of Railway Town Public School is one of my most significant achievements. This is my lucky seventh year as your principal and I have a very good feeling about the year ahead.

I am looking forward to catching up with all of our families at our open afternoon on Tuesday 18th February. Our teachers will proudly show off their classrooms, where you can catch up for an informal chat about their plans for 2020.

Have a wonderful week...

Kerry-Sue Pascoe
Principal



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:
Monday
17th February

Promise me you'll always remember:
You're braver than you believe, stronger
than you seem, and smarter
than you think



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 13 February
Swimming Carnival
Friday 13 March
League Tag Gala Day
Tuesday 31 March
School Photo Day
Thursday 2 April
Cross Country



CLASS ATTENDANCE Target Rate: 92%

KW: -	1V: 84.31%	2R: 89.86%	MC: 88.9%
3/4G: 95.65%	4/5L: 86.36%	5/6M: 98.55%	School: 92.31%

NOTES SENT HOME

Please contact the office if you didn't receive a copy of relevant notes

Family Information Sheet (Youngest student)

Return ASAP to ensure parent/emergency contact details, medical and permission information is up to date

Swimming Carnival (Yr1-6)

Return permission note with \$5 ASAP

Statement of Account (Youngest student)

Pay outstanding fees ASAP at the office or via POP online through the school website


P&C NOTICES

- The Canteen will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday this Term. We need volunteers to help on Wednesdays.
- Many hands make light work. If you have some time to volunteer in the Canteen this year please contact our Canteen Manager Leonie Channing on 0458 503 306. Training and support are provided. Volunteers must meet Working with Children Check screening requirements prior to commencement.
- The P&C meets at 7pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the Staff Room in the Office building. All parents and community members are welcome.

STUDENT BANKING

Getting Started

If you would like your child to participate in School Banking, they will need a Youthsaver account. There are 3 easy ways to get one:

 Apply online at CommBank.com.au/schoolbanking

 Log on to your CommBank app (if you bank with CommBank)

 Visit any CommBank branch

What you'll need

Personal identification for you and your child. You can use a birth certificate, passport, drivers licence or citizenship certificate. If applying in a branch, please bring your child's birth certificate and/or and applicable Court Order to help them identify you as parent or legal guardian.

When you open a Youthsaver account your child will receive a Dollarmites deposit wallet in branch, or we'll mail it to you if you opened the account online.

STUDENT AWARDS

Presented at Assembly, 12.30pm Friday

KW: No awards

1V: Tate Forrest

Antwon Riley-Dries

2R: Natasha Morrison-McManus

Billy Jones

3/4G: Kiah Stephens

Sofie Durbidge

4/5L: Eamon Clavel

Liam Watson

5/6M: Cohen Clavel

Tyrieke Grocke

MC: Thuli Morgan-Bates

Library: No awards

Principal:



DAYS TO REMEMBER

Canteen: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

Student Banking: Tuesday by 9am

Library: Monday: 5/6M

Tuesday: MC KW

Wednesday: 4/5L 1V 2R

Thursday: 3/4G



RAILWAY TOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF DIRECTORY 2020

CLASS TEACHERS

KW	Miss Erin Williams
1V	Miss Kelly Venier
2R	Mrs Jan Riley
3/4G	Miss Liz Gleeson and Miss Vaughan
4/5L	Miss Kelly Lynch
5/6M	Mrs Denise McInerney
MC	Mr Shane Creece
Library	Miss Jane Vaughan



OTHER STAFF MEMBERS

Mrs Kerry-Sue Pascoe	Principal
Miss Liz Gleeson	Assistant Principal
Mrs Jane Vandenheuvel	K-2 Instructional leader (T, W, Th)
Mrs Sue Minnis	K-2 support teacher (T, W, Th)
Mrs Fran Lemay	Learning and Support Teacher (T, W)
Mrs Rachel Harvey	School Counsellor in Training (W)
Miss Hayley McClure	School Administration Manager
Mrs Alisha Pitt	School Administration Officer / SLSO
Mrs Sam Collins	SLSO (MC)
Mrs Peta Vincent	SLSO (MC)
Mrs Lou Henderson	SLSO (KW)
Mr Brock Roberts	Primary Care Registered Nurse (M, T)
Mr David Baldwin	General Assistant (Th, F)
Ms Leanne Burgess	Cleaner