From the Principal’s desk…

Busy times at Russell Island SS!

**Next Friday 11th March at 9am is our Cross Country Race Day.** Every child will have the opportunity to participate in either their age group (older students) or with their classmates (Prep and Year 1). Please come along and cheer your child on! The P&C will be selling cold water and juices on the day.

The draft program is as follows:

- 8.50am – War Cries
- 9.00 am – 11 and 12 Years Boys and Girls (3km)
- 9.10am – 9 & 10 yr Girls (2km)
- 9.20am – 9 & 10 yr Boys (2km)

- 9.30am – 7 & 8 yr Girls (1 lap + 1 lap of oval)
- 9.40am – Year 1 (2 laps of oval)
- 10 am – 7 & 8 yr Boys (1 lap + 1 lap of oval)
- 10.15 – Prep (1 lap of the oval)
- 10.30 – War Cries and Presentation
- 10.45 – Morning Break

Any changes will be notified asap. **Parent volunteers are needed** – if you can help out as a ‘track’ marshal (stand on the Cross Country course) and supervise the children as they run past, then please, either advise your child’s teacher or call the school 3400933. You will be needed from 8.45-10am.

**Interschool Soccer**: the following students will be playing soccer against students from Macleay Is SS on **Friday 18th March** at 12.45-2.20pm. Parents welcome to watch and cheer!

**5-6 TEAM**
Isaac Newton (6)
Zackery Taylor (5)
Bailey Hopkins (5)
James Roarty (Vice) (5)
Max Wilmott (6)
Jonathon Turnbull (6)
Levi Pikebymes (5)
Oskar Wickstead (Capt) (5)
Brooklyn Pera (6)
Bailey James (5)
Riley Kaye (6)
Mercedeize MCPerson(5)
Paolo Romero(5)
Stacee Cole (5)

**3-4 TEAM**
Tyler Hopkins (3)
Joshua Mohr (4)
Tiarna Rayfield (4)
Banks Draper (4)
Roka Hunter (Capt) (4)
Ben Evans (4)
Grace Lopez (4)
Cashis Draper (4)
Seth Wenzel (4)
Harry Labinas (4)
Malcolm Wilmott (3)
Jai Pikebymes (4)
Cameron Taylor (3)
Raven Adams (4)
Page Cheshire (3)
EASTER PRESENTATION
A performance for all Religious Instruction students - Dan Warlow, a gifted children’s entertainer will give a musical presentation with his guitar and puppet “Jed” at 12.00pm in the Undercover Area on Monday 14 March.

POOL DISCO !!!!!
Due to popular demand we have set the date for another Disco at our fabulous Pool – Friday 18 March from 5.30pm WATCH THIS SPACE & look out for the flyer to go home with students next week and spread the word! Please note that this is a supervised event however ALL CHILDREN UNDER 12yrs MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT – Parents/Guardians if you are unable to accompany your child please arrange for them to attend with an adult who is.

PARENTS READING WORKSHOP
There will be a parent workshop about how reading is taught at Russell Island State School on Tuesday 15 March from 1:45 to 2:45 in the Library. All welcome.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TEAMS (PLT’S)
Every second Friday teachers meet in their year level teams to discuss strategies to help every student in their class develop their skills in reading. The last 2 weeks have seen a focus on developing reading goals with the students in their class. Every child from Prep to Year 6 has their own goal, over the next 2 weeks their teacher will be discussing the steps required to achieve them.

AWARDS
Congratulations to all our award winners this week.

P&C FUNDRAISING UPDATE
Fun Run/Cross Country: Only one week until our next big event. We look forward to seeing all students involved - All participating students will be getting free fruit juice icy poles at the event to help cool off. The notices and sponsorship forms went home two weeks ago but if you have not received or need any more please call into the office. We have a fundraising thermometer poster on the white noticeboard under the heritage building. As at Wed 2nd Mar our kids have raised online $1800!! If any parents would like to get involved please call the office. Money for the Fun Run is to be returned by Wednesday 16th March along with your sponsorship form and chosen prize.

The posters are up and the Easter basket is in situ in the office ready to receive any donations! Although it is an Easter raffle, any donations of non perishable goods or services are welcomed. Tickets will go on sale from Friday 11th March during the fun run and will continue before and after school up till the draw at the last parade of the term on Wednesday 23rd March.

We are also holding a BBQ on Saturday 19th March on the school grounds during the council elections. The roster for this event is also in the school office. Thanks for your continuing support.
Your 2016 P&C fundraising sub committee

UNIFORM SHOP
Hi parents, a small note from the Uniform shop. We have new stock of school bags, swimming bags and library bags. Come in quick before you all miss out.

TURTLE TICKET – FREE ICEBLOCK

MATHLETICS CHAMPION THIS WEEK

RUSSELL ISLAND STINGRAYS HOME GAME
THIS SUNDAY from 10.30am, Union St, RI…Food and drinks will be available for sale, please come along and show your support. See flyer.

BANKING PRIZES

Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease
There has been a reported case of this in our school. Parents/Carers please be on the lookout for the tell-tale blisters on your children. This requires medical treatment in the form of Antibiotics and exclusion from attending school until all blisters have dried. Please inform the office immediately of any known cases.