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★ Newsletter

Principal's Message

It is with a heavy heart that I write this last newsletter before Rukenvale PS moved into recess next year. It has been a challenging year for our students, our families and our school community. The character of the people who make the Rukenvale community has been shown over my short time at the school as I am sure it has over the 91 rich years of its history. The students, staff and community members have been shown determination, resilience and excellence across this time and should all be proud of their contribution to Rukenvale PS.

Throughout Term 4 our students participated in a transition program to support the move to their new school in 2022. This occurred on a weekly basis from Week 5. Whilst at Kyogle Public School (KPS) students worked in classrooms to familiarise themselves to see what it is like to learn within a larger cohort. They enjoyed the wide variety of activities that KPS can provide from a giant slide to Christmas activities and everything in between. It has been so great to see their confidence and enthusiasm grow as they build friendships and memories with KPS students. I am sure many of these friendships will continue to grow and flourish in 2022 and beyond. The efforts of the entire KPS team to make the program possible must be acknowledged. Thank you for welcoming our students into your school and helping us along this journey.

The Achiever has for many, many, many years been a hugely important part of life at Rukenvale. This special book shines a light onto the wonderful activities, events and special moments that occur at our school throughout the year. It also showcases the people who make Rukenvale such a special place, the students. Although the activities we have been able to hold throughout 2021 have been limited by the impact of Covid-19, many wonderful events have occurred that have been included in 'The Achiever'. Copies of the book will be sent home with students and will be also available through the Wiangaree store.

On Monday we were able to hold our end of year Presentation Day in the school COLA. It was a wonderful occasion to recognise the many achievements of our students throughout 2021. Unfortunately, we were not able to have the wider community join us on the day, but we were pleased to have parents there to clap, cheer and support our students as we celebrated their successes. A recording of the assembly will be provided to students on a USB. Should community members also wish to have a copy of the day's celebrations, requests can be made through the school office via phone or email.

The P & C also held their annual Christmas Tree. Considering the huge challenges faced by our community in recent times, it was an important event for our community to come together to celebrate the year that was 2021. It also gave the community time to reflect with great pride on the long and rich history of Rukenvale PS. Students presented a wonderful 'Rukenvale through the Decades' performance providing a glimpse of life at Rukenvale right back to the 1930s. Many community members commented on the wonderful efforts of our students. Thank you to the staff, community members, and students who made this great night possible.



Semester 2 reports will be sent home with students this week. The format and structure of these reports have been adjusted and aligned to the revised guidelines in light of the Covid-19 impact throughout Semester 2.

It has been an incredible busy couple of weeks at Rukenvale PS. With restrictions easing towards the second half of the term students have been able to participate in a wide range of activities. In recent weeks we have been able to visit Ali's farm and Ten Pin bowling and an incursion from Brad at Fitness Kids. All of these have been exciting activities for our students with lots of fun and laughter had by all.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a safe, enjoyable and restful festive season. Recent times have been a tremendously difficult time for the Rukenvale Public School and the wider community however please know that the support, care and guidance you have shown towards our students has made a difference. Wishing everyone all the very best.





