**Principal’s Message**

Dear Parents,

Super 8s on Friday was a great day for our students and visiting schools. The essence of this day was the opportunity for our students to develop their cricket skills in competition and during clinics. What made it very special was the sheer enthusiasm, clapping, cheering, fantastic comments and encouragement that our students extended towards each other and the schools they competed against. Deservedly our Combined Schools Team (consisting of St Francis Xavier, Walbundrie, Rand and Walla) received the award for the most enthusiasm. These four schools just got in and played together — no fussing or whingeing — just great camaraderie. Well done boys and girls!

Thank you James and Robbie McKinley for conducting clinics for Years 3 and 4 and Infants students on behalf of Cricket NSW. Thank you Karen, Cathy, Angie and Dave for supplying students and adults with a scrumptious lunch that kept them going into the afternoon.

Tracey Southam

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**Super 8s Results**

Division 1 Urana Central School, Division 2 Rand/Walbundrie Public School. Most enthusiastic – Combined Schools team (Walla, St Francis Xavier, Rand, Walbundrie).

**Kinder 2015 Transition**

Last Monday was our first Kindy transition. Thank you Mrs Rose for organising some great Literacy and Numeracy activities for infants students based on “Goldilocks and the Three Bears”. Our preschoolers were full of enthusiasm and certainly displayed their readiness for school. We were thrilled at how well they could colour, listen, follow instructions and manage their belongings. We look forward to having them in our class for the following 3 Mondays.

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**Plant Donation**

We will be having a Plant Stall at the Rand Spring Fete. Any donations of plants/seedlings would be appreciated. Please bring plants in by the Friday before or give to Tracey on the day.

**Cooking Dates**

*There will be no cooking this week as we do not have a parent volunteer.*

If you are able to help with cooking please complete the attached note and return to school on Monday 20th October.

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**P&C Meeting**

Our next P&C Meeting will be held next Tuesday (21st October) commencing at 9.15am. Agenda
items so far: Year 6 farewell, Football Netball Carnival follow up, jobs list for 2015, class structure for 2015, School Plan 2015-2017. A temporary Secretary and Treasurer will need to be appointed for the duration until the next AGM in February. Other items for agenda to Tracey or James or record on blackboard before meeting starts.

Creative Catchment Kids Update
Thank you Brett for working diligently most evenings to cut out the shapes for our “Story of Rand” which will be placed along the fence. Thank you Lois for the supply of tin. The CCK book launch will be held at Rand this year (late November) so we can show what we have done.

Digging Patch
Our digging patch is being well used by students – they love the opportunity to create and imagine. We love listening to their conversations and watching how involved they are moving lots of dirt! Thank you Phil for making this great addition to our playground.

Bull Roarers
To finish our COGs unit on Aboriginal culture students in Primary have made bull roarers. They enjoyed the opportunity to use saws and decorate their bull roarers. With a lot of elbow grease we can get a great noise going!

What’s Happening in Class
HSIE Students in Year 6 are completing a self-directed unit on “Government and Parliament” in preparation for Canberra. This will also prepare them for the expectations of High School to work independently. Students in Year 3 and 4 are looking at the topic “Community and Remembrance” and will be examining changes and continuity in Rand. They will also be looking at the history of Rand and investigating the life of Robert Rand.

In Science Primary students are looking at the topic “Let’s celebrate” which uses the concept of celebrations (parties) to investigate solids, liquids, gases, reversible and irreversible changes and the effect of heat on a variety of objects.

English—Years 3 to 6 are studying “Room One” by Andrew Clements – it’s about a one teacher school in the fictional town of Plattsford, Nebraska. As you can imagine we can draw out lots of comparisons and contrasts! We will also be writing explanations, procedures and some poetry. Our Lexia subscription has ended after 3 years and to give our students a change we will be trialling “Reading Eggs” for free.

Health
Our focus this term is safety at school and the playground. We will then discuss farm safety.

Art
Mrs Wiltshire is showing students how to draw self-portraits and we will also be drawing buildings around Rand.

Awards
Awards were not given last Friday due to the Super 8s Cricket.

HELPERS NEEDED!

Term 3 Cooking Roster
I _____________________________________________________am able to assist students cooking on the following dates (please tick box):

- □ Friday 24th October
- □ Friday 31st October
- □ Friday 7th November
- □ Friday 14th November
- □ Friday 21st November
- □ Friday 28th November

Signed ______________________________________________  Date_________________

Please return to school by Monday 13th October . Thank you.
Kinder Orientation

Bull Roarers

Super 8’s Cricket

Digging Patch
## Term Calendar

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## Community News

**GET in2 FUN GET in2 CRICKET**

MILO in2CRICKET introduces girls and boys to Australia’s favourite sport. It’s fun, safe and teaches basic skills to help kids learn to play just like their Australian Cricket Heroes.

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If you could have 3 wishes for the education of students at Rand Public School, what would they be?

Dear Parents,

All schools across NSW are required to design, in conjunction with their communities, a 3 year School Plan which focuses specifically on the educational needs of its students. In the past this plan has been developed by the Walbundrie Small Schools Principals using data and evidence from assessments. As a starting point we need to:

1. Define our school vision, in other words, say why we do what we do at Rand Public School? We will define this at our P&C meetings.

2. Identify 3 educational directions the school will head in over the next three years for the benefit of students. A great way to gather ideas is to think “If I could have 3 wishes for my child while at Rand Public School they would be…” Please write your ideas down and return them to the front office.

Thanks for your input! We will gather as many opinions as we can to ensure we are meeting your child’s educational needs. This will be a school focus this term and next and we will keep you well informed as we go through this planning.

Yours Sincerely, Tracey Southam
In case you were wondering our students replies were...

- More school!
- More display boards to show our learning.
- Using information technology for learning.
- More Art and Mrs Wiltshire
- More Maths
- More Mrs Rose and Mrs Shipard