

School Newsletter

~ safe and sensible, respectful, excellent learners ~



Issue 1

Term 1, Week 3

Thursday, 13 February 2025

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Dates to Remember – Term 1

Friday, 21 February	RCPS Swimming Carnival
Wednesday, 12 March to Monday, 24 March	Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN
Wednesday, 9 April to Thursday, 11 April	Year 6 Camp
Friday, 11 April	Students Last Day of Term 1

Principal's Message

Welcome to the school year for 2025 at Ropes Crossing Public School. I would like to thank the students, staff, parents and community members for a fantastic start to the year.

At Ropes Crossing Public School, we encourage children to 'Follow the Five' and to be safe, responsible, respectful, excellent learners. The Department of Education has developed a Behaviour code for students in NSW public schools. A copy of the code is included in this newsletter.

We are proud of our students and a warm welcome is extended to those families who are new to our school. Special congratulations to our new Kindergarten students for their start to the year.

This year we have something very special, with four sets of twins in kindergarten. The photo below is of our new twins. We sincerely hope that they are enjoying their start to school.

Over the past week we have been busily enrolling new students and settling our kindergarten students, and we have now confirmed actual new enrolments.

We had formed 31 classes, when developing our school structure at the end of 2024, however we have seen an influx of kindergarten enrolments, and our total number of kindergarten students is higher than anticipated and all classes are over the recommended class size for kindergarten. It is highly likely that we will reform the kindergarten classes next week and add an additional class, making a total of 6 classes rather than the current 5 classes. If your child is moving classes, you will be notified.

We will also send out a newsletter next week, introducing all our staff for 2025 and outlining our 2025 school structure once locked in place.

Lost property can become an issue throughout the year, so we are reminding all families to ensure that all clothing items are clearly labelled with names. We also suggest labelling all drink bottles and lunch boxes so if items are lost they can be returned to children.

B Davies
Principal



Morning Drop Off Times

I would like to remind parents and carers that our teachers are not on duty to supervise students until 8:30am. For the safety of your children, we are asking that parents do not drop off children prior to 8:30am.

If your children are booked into Camp Australia, you are required to walk them into the OOSH Hub and sign them in.

Thank you for assisting us keep your children safe.

Safety Notice

For safety reason we are requesting that children only wear stud type earrings to school, and we are requesting that they do not wear false fingernails to school. They can be dangerous during sport.

Crunch and Sip



Crunch&Sip®

Information for parents and carers

What is Crunch&Sip®?

Crunch&Sip® is a set time during the school day for children to crunch on fruit and vegetables and sip water in the classroom.

What you need to do:

To be involved in Crunch&Sip®, please send your child to school with a water bottle and some ready-to-eat fruit or vegetables.

Why it matters:

Developing healthy habits can help children have better health and wellbeing throughout life. It can also help them do their best at school. Research suggests children who eat a healthy diet including fruit and vegetables are more likely to:

- **concentrate better and remember more**
- **perform better academically**
- **have better mental health.**



What to pack for Crunch&Sip®

Some examples:

A bottle of plain, tap water

Water is the only drink allowed.



A whole piece of fruit or a vegetable such as a whole carrot, apple, mandarin or banana.



Vegetable sticks such as cucumber, capsicum, carrot or celery.



Chopped, bite-sized pieces of fruit or vegetables such as watermelon, pear, broccoli or cauliflower.



Several whole pieces of smaller fruit or vegetables such as cherry tomatoes, cooked corn, mushrooms, grapes or strawberries.

NSW STATE CHAMPS!

Last weekend, we had many RCPS students represent various NSW associations at the NSW Oztog Junior State Cup. All of which showed great skills, pride, determination and sportsmanship. We would like to recognise in particular our 5 RCPS students who were undefeated throughout the 3 day tournament and were crowned the U/9 Girls NSW State Champions! Well done to all competing students!



Attendance

Arriving on time to school everyday is important. We'd like to remind all our parents and families that **our school day begins at 9:00am**. We have a bell that rings at 8:55am to line up in their class lines and then our students make their way to classrooms at 9:00am ready to begin their day of learning. We know sometimes mornings can be busy and occasionally being late is unavoidable. However, where possible we'd love to see as many students as possible arriving by 8:55am everyday so they are able to start their day of learning on time with their class and peers. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day

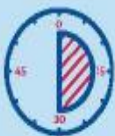


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3 days



30 mins
per day



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18 days



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can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.

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Absence Note

Name: _____

Class: _____

My child was away from: ___ / ___ / ___ to
___ / ___ / ___

The reason for absence is:

Signed: _____ / ___ / ___
(Parent/Carer) (Date)



Explaining every absence



If your child is:

- Sick
- Has a medical appointment
- Has to travel for family business
- Involved in Sorry Business



Let us know

So we can plan continued
support for your child's learning
and wellbeing

Every day matters



growth through learning



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Behaviour code for students

NSW public schools

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW public schools students are expected to:

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

Behaviour Code for Students: Actions

Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education.

We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

Respect

- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
- Take care with property

Safety

- Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- Care for self and others
- Avoid dangerous behaviour and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

Engagement

- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments. The department provides a policy framework and resources such as Legal Issues Bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context the NSW Government and the Department of Education will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.



RCPS School Uniform



Summer Uniform:

Girls –

- School dress
- Navy/aqua logo polo shirt & navy shorts (navy shorts or skirts are preferred – not bike shorts)

Boys –

- Navy/Aqua logo polo shirt & navy shorts

Plain black shoes for all students



Winter Uniform:

Girls –

- School pinafore & white button up shirt or
- Navy/Aqua logo polo shirt & navy pant
- Navy jacket

Boys –

- Navy/Aqua logo polo shirt & navy pants/shorts
- Navy jacket

Plain black shoes for all students



Sports Uniform:

Girls –

- Sports house shirt
- Navy shorts (navy shorts or skirts are preferred – not bike shorts)

Boys –

- Sports house shirt
- Navy shorts

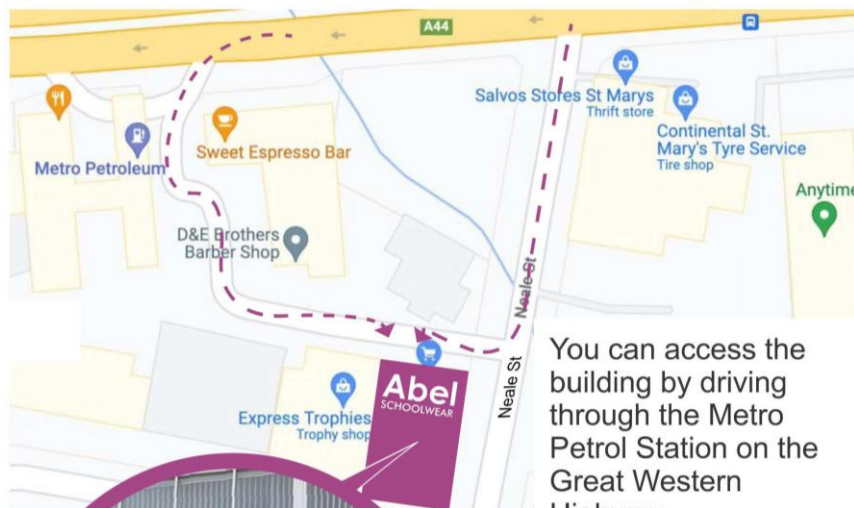
Runners/joggers shoes for all students

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New high school for Jordan Springs

Project update | February 2025

Image caption: Artist impression of main entry, new high school for Jordan Springs (subject to change)



Investing in our schools

As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild public education, the 2024-25 Budget is delivering record education funding, including \$3.6 billion for new and upgraded schools in Western Sydney. This targeted investment will ensure growing communities get access to a world-class public education.

Project overview

To support current and future growth in the area, this project will deliver a new high school for the expanding community in Jordan Springs. The school will provide essential educational infrastructure and accommodate the anticipated increase in enrolments in the area, allowing families to conveniently access educational facilities close to home. The school site has been masterplanned for future growth.

The school is due to open on Day 1 Term 1 2027.

The new school will include:



modern classrooms and support classrooms for at least 1,000 students



a library and administration facilities



specialist workshops for science, wood and metal work



a covered outdoor learning area (COLA) and canteen



a multipurpose hall for sports and performance



sports courts, playing fields and landscaping



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Project timeline



The project is on track for the school to open on Day 1 Term 1 2027.

Progress update

Acquisition of the site for the new school has been finalised and we have released the tender for the construction contract.

Plans on exhibition

The planning application, known as a Review of Environmental Factors (REF), for Jordan Springs High School is now on public exhibition on the NSW Planning Portal for Division 5.1 (Part 5) Activities until Wednesday 5 March 2025.



Detailed plans for the proposed activity are set out in the REF, which can be viewed at edu.nsw.link/NewJSHS-PlanningPortal or by scanning the QR code at left.

Any comments on the proposal may be lodged through the Planning Portal by no later than Wednesday 5 March 2025.

Next steps

When the exhibition period for the REF ends, any responses will be reviewed and considered as part of the REF process. The REF will be assessed by the department's Planning Assessment team who will make a determine the outcome of the proposal.

We expect to receive planning determination and award the tender for construction in mid-2025.



Image caption: Artist impression of aerial view of new high school for Jordan Springs (subject to change).

Frequently asked questions

What is the intake area for the new high school for Jordan Springs?

The intake area for the new high school will cover the catchment areas of both Jordan Springs Public School and Ropes Crossing Public School.

For all new schools, the intake area is published on School Finder (schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au) approximately one year before the school opens, and we notify the community when this occurs.

School intake areas are developed using the latest population data on families in the area with consideration of other factors, such as nearby schools.

When can I enrol my child?

We will start collecting expressions of interest from future students about 12 months before the school opens, in line with usual enrolment processes for students commencing high school. More information can be found here: edu.nsw.link/Enrol-NSWHighSchool.

Enrolments will open about 6 to 12 months prior to the school opening, when the school's website and online enrolment system are ready.

Will the support unit be inclusive of all needs, including physical impairment?

Support classes are planned for the new high school. The school design is compliant with all Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements and is therefore accessible for all students.

What kind of playing areas will be available?

There will be 3 full-sized sports courts with markings for a range of sports, and a playing field which can be used for sports where an oval is required. There will also be other hard surfaced and landscaped areas for play and conversation.

How can I provide feedback?

Feedback on the new high school for Jordan Springs is welcome, and will be carefully considered by the department. Please provide feedback via the contact information listed below.

Consultation on the planning application (REF) is also open, as outlined on page 2 of this update. The community is invited to view the plans or make a submission. If you wish to make a submission, please do so by the exhibition closing date, Wednesday 5 March 2025.

More information

You can find more information about the project and detail on the designs and timeline at edu.nsw.link/NewHSJordanSprings. If you have any questions about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure during business hours on the contact details below.

Stay up to date



To receive updates on this project by email, please scan the QR code at left and complete your details. Please note if you live near the school site, you may still receive letterbox updates.



Image caption: view of new high school for Jordan Springs across playing field and sports courts (subject to change)



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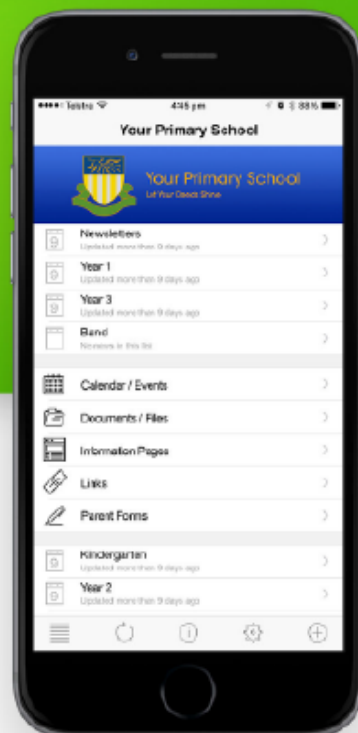
Thank you very much for your anticipated support for this process.

B. Davies
Principal



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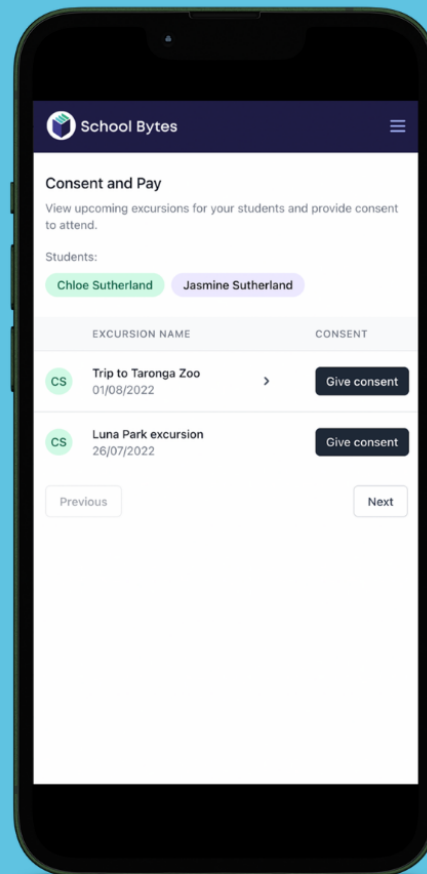
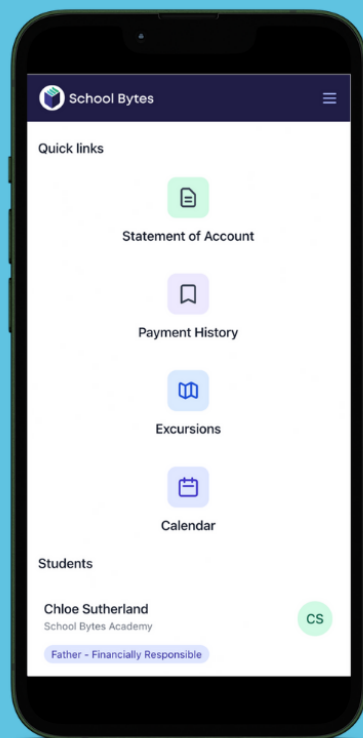
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – TERM 1, 2025

<i>WEEK</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>
1 January	27	28	29	30	31 Staff Development Day
2 February	3 Staff Development Day	4 Staff Development Day	5 Staff Development Day	6 All Students Return for Term 1	7
3	10	11	12	13	14
4	17	18	19	20	21 Swimming Carnival PSSA Trial Day
5	24	25	26	27	28
6 March	3	4	5	6	7 District Swimming
7	10	11	12 NAPLAN begins	13 NAPLAN	14 NAPLAN
8	17 NAPLAN	18 NAPLAN	19 NAPLAN	20 NAPLAN	21 NAPLAN
9	24 NAPLAN Ends	25	26	27 Sydney West Swimming	28
10 April	31	1	2	3	4
11	7	8	9 Year 6 Students Leave for Camp	10	11 Year 6 Students Return from Camp Last Day of Term

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – TERM 2, 2025

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 April	28 Staff Development Day	29 Staff Development Day	30 Students return for Term 2	1	2
2 May	5	6	7	8	9
3	12	13	14	15	16
4	19	20	21	22	23
5	26	27	28	29	30
6 June	2	3	4	5	6 District Cross Country
7	9	10	11	12	13
8	16	17	18	19	20
9	23	24	25	26 Sydney West Cross Country	27
10 July	30	1	2	3	4 Last Day of Term

Friday, 4 July 2025 – Last day for Term 2
Tuesday, 22 July 2025 – Students resume for Term 3

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – TERM 3, 2025

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 July	21 Staff Development Day	22 Students Return for Term 3	23	24	25
2 August	28	29	30 Athletics Carnival	31	1
3	4	5	6	7	8
4	11	12	13	14	15
5	18	19	20	21	22
6	25	26	27	28	29
7 September	1	2	3	4 District Athletics	5 District Athletics
8	8	9	10	11	12
9	15	16	17	18	19
10	22	23 Sydney West Athletics	24	25	26 Last Day of Term
Friday, 26 September 2025 – Last day for Term 3 Tuesday, 14 October 2025 – Students resume for Term 4					

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – TERM 4, 2025

<i>WEEK</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>
October 1	13 Staff Development Day	14 Students Return for Term 4	15	16	17
2	20	21	22	23	24
3	27	28	29	30	31
4	3	4	5	6	7
5	10	11	12	13	14
6	17	18	19	20	21
7	24	25	26	27	28
8 December	1	2	3	4	5
9	8	9	10	11	12
10	15	16	17	18	19 Last Day of School for Students

Friday, 19 December 2025 – Last day for Term 4
Monday, 2 February 2026 – Students resume for Term 1