



NEWSLETTER

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SICKBAY LINEN

Friday 8th February (3:30pm) Allison Esmonde
Friday 15th February (3:30pm) Isabelle Weir

DIARY DATES

(9:00am) **Monday 11th February** Events Committee Meeting
Wednesday 13th February Prep Interviews
Wednesday 13th February No School for Prep Students ONLY
Wednesday 13th February School Banking begins
Wednesday 20th February Prep Interviews
Wednesday 20th February No School for Prep Students ONLY
Thursday 21st February Brainstorm Production – Whole School Incursion
 (5:00pm – 6:30pm) **Thursday 21st February** Welcome Picnic – Whole School Community Event
Wednesday 27th February Prep Interviews
Wednesday 27th February No School for Prep Students ONLY (last)
 (9:30am-12:00pm) **Friday 1st March** Anglicare – ‘Growing Great Kids’
Wednesday 6th March Prep Students attend School 😊



Principal's Report

Welcome Back

Once again, a warm welcome back to school to all our families. As the Acting Principal, I have taken great pleasure in seeing our students skip into school during the first week with big smiles and a real sense of enthusiasm about what the school year ahead has in store for them. It's been a very positive start to the year and our students have settled in very quickly, especially our new preps who are embarking on a new and very exciting learning journey. A special welcome to these new prep families, and to students and families from other year levels who are new to the school community.

I would like to thank a number of people who worked hard during the holidays to ensure the school was neat and clean upon our return to school. Hector, our dedicated school cleaner, always makes sure the inside of the school is spotlessly clean after the long summer break. We have had our trees checked and pruned, any creepy crawlies have been eradicated, new and improved lighting has been installed and the grounds have been mowed and weeded. I would like to thank Allison Esmonde and Lorraine Thompson who both spent time at the school during the holidays maintaining the grounds, watering trees, weeding and keeping an eye on our feathered friends in the chook pen. We also had a number of parents assist with book collection and second hand uniform sales on the day before school started. The school appreciates the ongoing support of the many people who contribute to the successful operation of our wonderful school.

Welcome Picnic

To celebrate our return to school and to formally welcome our new families and students, we are holding our annual 'Welcome Picnic' on Thursday evening, 21st February, 5:00pm – 6:30pm. We cordially invite all families to this picnic which will provide the opportunity to meet our teachers and to mingle with other families in the school. Bring your own picnic tea or buy a sausage and drink at the sausage sizzle. You may wish to bring a picnic rug or chairs. We appreciate your support in making this an alcohol free event. There will be a number of games and activities that families can participate in and some musical items from our school bands.

Road and Student Safety

With the return of school, comes the return of increased traffic on Murray Road during drop-off and pick-up times. Unsafe and impatient driving leads to frustration and inconvenience for others and affects neighbouring residents on our street. Please show courtesy and patience during peak traffic times at school, especially in the afternoons, as dangerous and illegal driving and parking poses a very significant risk to the safety of our students. Another safety concern for the school is the use of the staff car park as a pedestrian thoroughfare in the morning and afternoons. I would request that parents and students don't use the car park to enter and leave the school grounds. We have several other paths and gateways around the school providing safe access in and out of our grounds, but the staff car park experiences regular traffic use throughout the day, including delivery vans and garbage trucks, and poses a serious safety risk to people walking through.

School Council Nominations

This year we have two vacancies for parents on School Council. I invite parents to nominate for a position as a way of serving our school community. Eight meetings are held each year on a date and time that is agreed on by all members of School Council. You do not need any special skills to be a school councillor, we value the fact that each member brings their own unique life skills and knowledge to the role, however, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What is essential, is that you have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future. If you would like to know more about being a School Councillor, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Timeline for School Council Nominations

Friday 8th February

Call for nominations

Friday 15th February (4:00pm)

Close of nominations

If you would like to nominate for School Council, application forms will be available from the school office from tomorrow, Friday 8th February. School Councillors come to our monthly meetings, attend sub committees and support the school in many positive ways. All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. The Rosewood Downs school council is made up of 8 members: 5 parents and 3 Department of Education employees

CSEF - Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund 2019

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities that benefit the child. The annual CSEF amount per student is \$125 for primary school students.

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in a previous year, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. Your child's school will apply for the CSEF on your behalf. You will only need to submit an application form in 2019 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments: your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply at the same school in a previous year
- changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Schools are able to accept and process applications up until the end of term two each year. CSEF payments are made to schools from March onwards each year. Notices are available from the front office.

Julian Growcott

Acting Principal

KidsMatter

Welcome back to our Rosewood Downs Community with a special welcome to all our new families. We hope 2019 is a happy and successful year for everyone.

Three events have been planned to begin our year:

- **Brainstorm Productions** will be presenting 'Being Brave' to all students on Thursday 21st February. \$5.00 per student. Information regarding this event is included at the end of this newsletter.
- We encourage families to become part of our Rosewood Downs Community by attending our **Welcome Picnic** evening on Thursday 21st February.
- **Anglicare** will be facilitating a program for parents, grandparents and carers, '**Growing Great Kids**' at Rosewood Downs on six consecutive Fridays from 1st March, 9:30am – 12:0pm. A detailed flier is included. This program was run at Rosewood Downs last year with lots of positive feedback from participants, highly recommending another program to be run to enable more families to attend.

KidsMatter Action Team



Sport News

Congratulations to our new Sports Team for this year:

Sport Captains	Lanny Duan	Calin Searle
Barwon	Zipporah Ioane	Yianni Rozakis
Goulburn	Cade Marsh	Teo Miljanic
Rubicon	Lily Black	Regan Skinner
Yarra	Judd Esmonde	Aleisha Zhou

These students will be responsible for running morning assemblies, handing out the sports awards, organising the sports equipment for borrowing, setting up PMP, Platoon and Unit sport time and assisting the teachers at all of our sporting events. We are looking forward to an exciting year of sport with lots of opportunities for the students to be involved in House activities and fun events.

Lindsay Campbell

Sport Coordinator



Well done to the students selected as our Junior School Captains for 2019:

President	Damian Milic
Vice President	Maya Najjar
Secretary	Jana Vasavan
Treasurer	Yusuf Dalati

Each year the Junior School Council (JSC) is responsible for:

- Supporting various charities and organizations by raising money and awareness at our school.
- Helping organise and run fun activities like the Hat Parade.
- Promoting fun events like the School Disco.
- Writing short pieces for the newsletter and making announcements at assembly.
- Representing the students and each class from Grade 3 to Grade 6.
- Attending regular meetings with the JSC to discuss and organize upcoming events.
- Reporting to each class with any news and information from the JSC meetings.

Over the next two weeks we will be holding class elections for the student representatives for each class in Grades 3, 4 and 5. If you are interested in being part of the JSC this year you will need to consider the following:

- You need to nominate yourself or a classmate.
- Nominees then write a short statement about how they can represent their class well.
- Present this to the class to be voted on.
- Each student gets a vote to be counted by the classroom teacher.

Thank you,

Lindsay Campbell and the JSC Captains

School Events

The Events Committee will be holding their first meeting after assembly on Monday 11th February at 9:00 in the staffroom. We are the team who organise a number of fundraising events for the school throughout the year.

To ensure we continue to provide the school community with great events we need the support of our school families and we encourage you to become involved. We welcome anyone who may be interested to attend, even if you cannot commit to all meetings or events.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Thank you,

On behalf of the Events Committee, Lindsay Campbell

Parents' & Friends' Association

Welcome back to a new school year, 2019! We are looking forward to welcoming a lot of new parents to our group of volunteers. There will be an Events meeting on Monday 11th February at 9:15am in the staff room with Mr Campbell to discuss upcoming fundraising events and activities for the year and the PFA will be joining him. The more people who can attend the better, so come along and have a coffee and a biscuit and we can brainstorm some new and fun ideas.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Allison Esmonde
PFA President



School Banking

Welcome back to 2019. We will commence school banking on Wednesday 13th February. Please remember to bring your bank book to school on a Wednesday morning and hand it to your teacher for processing.

We are always looking for parent helpers on a Wednesday morning, so if you can spare an hour or two once a fortnight to help please leave your details at the office or see Michelle Marsh or Allison Esmonde. No experience required, we will train you. 😊

For all our new prep parents more information about the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program will be available soon.

School banking is processed every Wednesday.

Happy Banking

Michelle Marsh
School Banking Co-Ordinator

Unit News

Unit A

Mrs Rumney, Mrs Harrison and Mrs Smith would like to warmly welcome all new and returning families! Grade 1 and Prep classes have settled into the school year and look forward to a great 2019.

We have an exciting and busy term ahead! We are looking forward to our whole-school incursion – ‘Being Brave’ presented in a live performance by Brainstorm Productions. This is a fantastic incursion and we encourage all students to attend as it is a key component to our social and emotional education program. Please put Thursday 21st February in your diaries, as we will be holding our annual Rosewood Downs Welcome Picnic. It is always fun and a social night for both students and families. More information regarding these events will be sent on shortly.

A few friendly reminders: At the start of every year, we kindly ask for a box of tissues to be donated to your classroom. Prep parents are also asked to send along a named art smock and shower cap. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents to name all clothing items, hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles before sending them to school.

Unit A Team,
Chanté Smith (Prep S), Linda Harrison (Prep H) & Ashlee Rumney (1R)

Unit B

We have had a fantastic start to the year with the children in Grade 5 and 6 settling in very quickly to the new routines and expectations of being in the senior school. We would like to extend a big welcome to all the children and their parents, and the teachers look forward to meeting all the new families.

The Grade 5s have settled in beautifully, and they are looking forward to exciting new challenges such as Gala Days, project work, Unit B sport, prep buddies and leadership opportunities.

The Grade 6s are looking forward to fulfilling their leadership positions and taking on new and exciting challenges. They have now begun their preparation for secondary school and will be learning to become resilient, flexible and adaptable.

The exciting Unit B City Camp will happen early in Term 2 and soon forms will be sent out advising parents of the details. The camp will operate from Wednesday 8th May to Friday 10th May 2019. We will be staying at the CYC City Camp in Collins Street, Melbourne and visiting places of interest around the city.

A reminder that we have requested that the children bring a box of tissues into the classroom.

We look forward to a great year!

**Unit B Team,
Mia Todisco (5T), Jo Ford (5/6F) & Ashleigh Price-Bell (6PB)**

Unit C

We have had a fantastic start to the year in Unit C. The children have settled in really well and are looking forward to a busy term ahead. It has also been an absolute pleasure welcoming our new teacher, Miss Telford, into the unit and the students have enjoyed getting to know her.

This year Unit C comprises of one Grade 3 class, one Grade 3/4 composite and one Grade 4 class. All teachers have been working closely to establish regular routines for cross unit activities. The students have enjoyed working together and getting to know each other across the grade levels.

An expression of interest will be sent out in the next two weeks in regards to Grade 3 & 4 Camp to Phillip Island. As this is part of the Camping and Outdoor Education Program, providing a valuable learning experience for children, we hope that all students are given the opportunity to attend. Our camp will be held in mid-May.

Thank you to all families who have sent in a tissue box and an art smock. If your child hasn't brought these items to school yet, it would be greatly appreciated if they could do so.

The entire Unit C team welcome all our new families this year and we are looking forward to getting to know you and working together.

**Unit C Team,
Kristy Telford (3T), Gail Fitzpatrick (3/4F) & Caitlyn Watkins (4W)**

Unit D

Dear Unit D families,

Welcome back to school! It has been exciting hearing and sharing holiday stories with the children over the past 2 weeks. We are delighted to see our students returned feeling refreshed and ready for action! We would also like to welcome all of the new students and their families and thank them for choosing RDPS as their school.

As we settle into the first full week of school, it is important that we start the year in a structured way. The Grade 2 students have been busy implementing set routines and class expectations alongside their teachers. We are currently exploring ways to accept differences and being inclusive of others as part of our social and emotional program.

This term's integrated topic is all about Australia and the students have been studying the elements of an Australian Flag as well as exploring changes in the local Dandenong area by comparing the past and the present. The tale of Tiddalick the frog which is a well-known Aboriginal dreamtime story has been introduced to the students at the start of this week and we have many more stimulating lessons planned for the coming weeks. We would like to encourage our families to join us on the ClassDojo app as we will be sharing occasional snapshots of our school day.

Grade 1PT students have settled well into Unit D and they are learning the new rules and routines. With the arrival of the Prep students, the Grade 1 students are certainly enjoying not being the 'little ones' anymore! For the past week, the students have been introduced to the core values in Bounce Back which is our Social and Emotional development program and revisiting Think Plus understandings from last year. The current topic being investigated is about Australia and its features and we will be moving onto Indigenous people and Aboriginal customs and traditions in the near future.

Unit D is in great need of star parent helpers for 2019! We would be most grateful if you could spare some time to hear our Unit D students read. If you are available to help, please approach any Unit D staff.

We are looking forward to working with you and the school community to support our students and our families in their endeavours.

Have a lovely week!

Unit D Team,

Terrie Palmer-Tanner (1PT), Karen Woodhouse (2W) & Mary Chan (2C)



Dear Families,

5th February, 2019

It is with great enthusiasm we announce our first Kids Matter Day for 2019. The focus is Social and Emotional Learning (Kids Matter Component 2) with our aim to creating a positive, safe and supportive environment and providing opportunities to build and practise relationship skills, resilience and social and emotional competencies. It is hoped all children participate in this empowering and engaging event.

Being Brave

On **Thursday 21st February** Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their student wellbeing program 'Being Brave' for all students at Rosewood Downs.

Being Brave is a live theatre production which will help students accept change, deal with their emotions and bounce back when things go wrong. The production is inspirational and empowering, providing kids with strategies such as good communication and positive self-talk, to help make them more resilient and able to navigate life's storms.

Being Brave is part of our student wellbeing curriculum (S.E.L.-Social & Emotional Learning) and the program has been developed in consultation with teachers, psychologists, as well as real-life student experiences. The methodology of the program is safe, supportive and nonjudgmental and designed to provide students with positive and useful tools they can use in their everyday lives.

More than 350,000 Australian students have already benefited from Brainstorm Productions multi award-winning educational theatre programs over the past twelve months. Their programs cater to the specific wellbeing needs of students, helping to create a healthy and harmonious school environment. If you would like to know more about Brainstorm Productions, visit their website at www.brainstormproductions.edu.au

If you have any further questions about this event please contact us.

Deborah Lucas
Coordinator

Julian Growcott
Principal

BEING BRAVE



GROWING GREAT KIDS

PARENTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS

A program for parents, grandparents, step parents & carers.

ARE YOU TIRED OF YELLING?

How to get your kids to listen, without having to yell

DEALING WITH ANGER

Recognising the causes and triggers for anger

RELATIONSHIPS

How can parents build a better relationship with their kids?

STRATEGIES

Discuss and share strategies that work

DATE:

Fridays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 March & 5 April 2019.

TIME:

9.30am - 12.00pm

WHERE:

Rosewood Downs Primary School
Murray Rd, Dandenong North

COST:

FREE: Bookings essential
(Refreshments provided)

BOOKINGS:

For bookings and enquiries contact:
Deborah Lucas - 9795 3744
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Jasbir Singh at Parentzone on 0431 203 177
(Simply text your name in to register)
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