



NEWSLETTER

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SICKBAY LINEN

(3:30pm) **Friday 22nd February** **Michelle Marsh**
 (3:30pm) **Friday 1st March** **Danijela Cetkovic**

DIARY DATES

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| Thursday 21st February (Today) | Brainstorm Production – Whole School Incurion |
| (5:00pm – 6:30pm) Thursday 21st February (Today) | Welcome Picnic – Whole School Community Event |
| Wednesday 27th February | Prep Interviews |
| Wednesday 27th February | No School for Prep Students ONLY |
| Friday 1st March | Schools Clean Up Day |
| (9:30am – 12:00pm) Friday 1st March | Anglicare – Growing Great Kids Program |
| Friday 1st March | Neighbourhood House |
| Wednesday 6th March | Prep Students Attend School |
| (2:00pm – 7:00pm) Thursday 7th March | Goal Setting Interviews |
| Friday 8th March | Curriculum Day – STUDENT FREE DAY |
| (9:30am – 12:00pm) Friday 8th March | Anglicare – Growing Great Kids Program |
| Friday 8th March | Division Swimming Trials – Noble Park Aquatic |
| Monday 11th March | Labour Day – STUDENT FREE DAY |
| (9:30am – 12:00pm) Friday 15th March | Anglicare – Growing Great Kids Program |
| (9:15am) Tuesday 19th March | PFA Meeting – Hall Foyer |
| Friday 22nd March | School Cross Country/Fun Run |
| (9:30am – 12:00pm) Friday 22nd March | Anglicare – Growing Great Kids Program |



Principal's Report

Welcome Picnic TONIGHT!

Come along and mingle with the Rosewood Downs Staff and other school families at our welcome picnic. Bring along your chairs, rugs and picnic hamper or buy your dinner at our barbeque. (Sausages, including Halal and drinks available). The Kofi Shack will be on-site selling refreshments, including slushies. Families are encouraged to join in a variety of park games with their family and friends, such as coits, Finska and Kubb. Mr Campbell has been teaching students some of these games so please come along and challenge your children for family bragging rights! We look forward to seeing lots of families enjoying this special school event.

KidsMatter Special Day - 'Being Brave'

Today we had our 'Being Brave' special day which was a huge success. The highlight of the day was the Brainstorm Production 'Being Brave' which all our students participated in. This interactive theatre show was an engaging experience



for our students and investigated many themes around the topic of bravery. Many classes also discussed the importance of 'Being Brave' in their lives and talked about times when they showed bravery. Please take the time to discuss your child's experience of the day and what bravery means to them.

Assembly Musical Performances

On Wednesday, we had a fantastic performance from our Grade 5 guitar students. It was great to see such a large number of students performing so well at assembly, especially after many of them had only had a handful of lessons with Mrs Chan. We have already had some great musical performances at our Wednesday assemblies and it's a reflection of Mrs Chan's outstanding teaching and dedication to the Rosewood Downs music program. Please get along to one of our Wednesday morning assembly performances to see our talented students perform. It's sure to lift your spirits for the day ahead.



School Council Nominations

Nominations for school council have now closed and we received three nominations to fill the three parent vacancies that exist on our council. I am very pleased to announce that Eleni Banasios, Sanela Trakilovic and Aida Zeini will officially join our school council at our first meeting for the year in March. I am also happy to announce that Deborah Lucas will join the council as a staff nominee, after the retirement of Helen Casey at the end of last year.

A new addition to the Rosewood Downs family

I am very happy to announce that Maddy Hartmann welcomed her son James Nicholas Hartmann to the world on Monday night. Both mother and baby are well and on behalf of the school community we congratulate Nick and Maddy on the arrival of James and wish them well on their new adventure as first time parents.

It's not OK to be away

Unfortunately, student absence has been a problem for Rosewood Downs PS in recent years. Absences at our school are higher than state and like-school benchmarks, which is really disappointing for us. Frequently, this is a result of families choosing to take extended family holidays during school terms, but it is also often parents choosing to keep their children at home for special occasions, birthdays, shopping excursions and when they have visitors. It is important for parents to realise that every time school is missed, students also miss opportunities for learning. When absences are more frequent, the impact on your child's learning and overall development can be significant. Our message is clear 'It's not OK to be away'.

Here are just some of the benefits of regular attendance at school;

- The development of skills and attitudes such as self-discipline, punctuality, being organised and sticking to routines
- Leads to making friends and learning how to maintain relationships over a period of time
- Leads to learning social skills necessary to live and work with others
- Students are safer and better supervised at school than in many alternative settings
- People are more positive towards those that have a good attendance attitude, and finally,
- The more students attend, the more they learn and the more they will like school!

So please, unless your child is unwell, please get them to school every day!

Julian Growcott
Acting Principal

KidsMatter

Welcome Picnic Tonight

We look forward to all our families joining us tonight at our Welcome Picnic TONIGHT. This is an opportunity for you and your family to become part of our Rosewood Downs Community and help create a positive school environment. Enjoy a BBQ dinner or your own picnic, have fun playing games and be entertained by our students' musical performances. A great opportunity for you to meet our Rosewood Downs' families and teachers. We look forward to seeing you at tonight's Welcome Picnic.

Anglicare Parent Programs

Each term Anglicare Victoria publishes the Parentzone Directory which provides valuable information on groups and programs offered by Parentzone and Community Services across the Southern Region of Melbourne. The link for the Term 1 programs and services can be accessed through the following link:

<https://www.anglicarevic.org.au/about-us/newsletters/southern-parentzone-term-1-2019/>

Programs and services offered by the City of Greater Dandenong begin of page 91 of the above document. A copy is on display in the Community Space in the Hall. Copies are also available through the office or classroom teachers.

Growing Great Kids

Rosewood Downs is hosting the FREE Anglicare Program GROWING GREAT KIDS, beginning on Friday 1st March.

PLACES ARE LIMITED so we encourage you to register. Further information can be found on the flier at the end of this newsletter.

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| <p>PARENTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS Growing Great Kids</p> <p>A program for parents, grandparents, step parents & carers. Tired of Yelling? Dealing with Anger, Strategies that work, technology and our children, Self-Care are just some of the topics discussed.</p> | <p>Anglicare Victoria Parentzone Bookings</p> <p><u>Deborah Lucas</u> Phone: 9795 3744 Email: lucas.deborah.s@edumail.vic.gov.au</p> <p><u>Jasbir Singh Suropada (Parentzone Anglicare)</u> Mobile: 0431 203 177 or simply text your name to register Email: jasbir.suopada@anglicarevic.org.au</p> |
| <p>Location Rosewood Downs Primary School 25 Murray Road Dandenong North 3175</p> <p><i>Bookings Essentials</i> <i>(Refreshments Provided)</i></p> | <p>Term 1 Day: Fridays Time: 9:30am -12:00pm Dates: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th March & 5th April 2019 Cost: Free</p> |

KidsMatter Action Team



Caught You Being Kind

Arya Mehra from 1PT was 'Caught Being Kind'. Well done, Arya!

Artist of the Week

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| PH | Gurnoor Maan | 1R | Shannon Beal | 2W | Chryssie Maragos |
| 3T | Lennox Jackson | 4W | Hadden Marsh | 5/6F | Isaac Meseha |
| PS | Amelie Lalut | 1PT | Daina Shim | 2C | Natila Tran |
| 2W | Achello Perera | 3/4F | Fiona Zhou | 4W | Kai Edwards |
| 5/6F | Uarda Hyka | 6P | Murtazah Niazi | | |

Lindsay Campbell

Art Co-Ordinator

Music Awards

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| 1R | Jade Alveyn | 2C | Ana Dimitrijevic | 3T | Ruby Kendall |
| 4W | Lillie Esmonde | 5/6F | Cody Interligi | 6PB | Yianni Rozakis |
| 1PT | Teresa Tran | 2W | Aleksa Trakilovic | 4W | Theodora Rozakis |
| 6PB | Deanna Sourtzis | | | | |

Anita Chan

Music Coordinator

Sports Awards

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| PS | Mohamed Kobeissi | 1PT | Anka Putnikovic | 2W | Liana Serdar |
| 3T | Dimitrios Pyrgiotakis | 5T | Aaron Zastawnik | | |
| PH | Isaac Smith | 1R | Eddie Guo | 2C | Thomas Banasios |
| 3/4F | Zachary Boersch Quadara | 5/6F | Heidi Cristiano | | |

Lindsay Campbell

Sport Coordinator

Sport News

Greater Dandenong Division Swimming Trials – Friday 8th March

We will be announcing our Swimming Team soon. They will be competing at the Noble Park swimming pool against students from around the Greater Dandenong Division. To be selected students need to have Squad level or equivalent grading in the correct swimming techniques over 50m. Each student selected can enter in a maximum of 2 individual events plus a relay. There is also a maximum of 1 student from each school in each race classification.

Lindsay Campbell

Sport Coordinator

The Green Team

Classes are currently in the process of electing members to the Green Team and this team will combine with the Grade Six Garden Guru's to make a team of enthusiastic and proactive Environment and Sustainability representatives for our school. We are hoping to see a dramatic reduction in our waste production at school this year. Families can help by providing "Nude Food" lunches and no pre-packaged foods at school. Food could be wrapped in bees wax wraps, washable and re-usable containers or foil that is recyclable.

Our first event for the year will be Schools Clean Up Day on Friday 1st March 2019. This coincides with Clean Up Australia Day which is on Sunday 3rd March 2019. On Schools Clean Up Day all children will help to rid our school of rubbish around the yard by picking up papers around the school. The children have been asked to bring a pair of gardening gloves or tongs to pick up rubbish and a small bucket to put the collected papers into before putting into the larger rubbish bin. In future we hope the rubbish around the school will decrease as more children start to bring nude food lunches to school.



Jo Ford and Mary Chan
Green Team Co-Ordinators



Parents' & Friends' Association

Thank you to the parents who came along to our very first meeting which was held on Tuesday 19th February. It was a great turn out and resulted in a brand-new committee.

The committee is now made up with the following positions and an awesome group of general members:

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| President: | Allison Esmonde |
| Vice President: | Rachelle Cunningham |
| Treasurer: | Nicki Rozakis |
| Secretary: | Sarah Mulholland |

We have a couple of events coming up. First will be the school cross-country/fun run held down at Tirhatuan Park on Friday 22nd March. PFA will be hosting a sausage sizzle stall during the event for students and parents to purchase a sausage, drink and a nice cold Zooper Dooper. Please come along, wear your house colours (Yarra Yellow, Barwon Blue, Rubicon Red and Goulburn Green) help out and show your support, it will be a great day and the students love it. The second event is planning for our annual Mother's Day stall which will be held early in Term 2, however planning needs to start early. Last, we have exciting news that PFA will be opening the canteen at lunch time one day a week selling Zooper Doopers and if successful we can incorporate some other healthy snacks and treats.



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th March at 9:15am in the hall foyer. Please if you can make it join us for some morning tea and a coffee and we can plan some more exciting activities.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Allison Esmonde
PFA President

School Banking

It is wonderful to see so many children (and parents) remembering to bring in their bank books every Wednesday. All prep students should have received a brochure about the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and I would encourage all students to get involved. You don't need to deposit a lot of money, 50 cents, if that's all you have. The school receives money on a quarterly basis based on the

number of active bankers. If you would like more information or if you would like to help out on a Wednesday morning please visit the office or see Michelle Marsh or Allison Esmonde.

Below are the rewards available for this year. If you would like to have a look at these they are on display in the prep window in the quiet area. Thanks Allison for doing this display. 😊

2019 Polar Savers Rewards

We're excited to announce the new Polar Savers reward items for 2019:



Term 1: Scented Stackable Highlighter, Snowy Origami Set

Term 2: Yeti Fluffy Notebook, Icicle Slapband Ruler

Term 3: Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring, Scratch Art Cards

Term 4: Water Skimming Bounce Ball, Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers

Students can redeem 10 silver Dollarmites tokens for a Polar Savers reward by completing a redemption slip and returning the whole slip with the students name and banker ID on their School Banking day.

Happy Banking,

Michelle Marsh

School Banking Co-Ordinator

Unit News

Unit A

The Prep students are now attending whole school assemblies and are quickly becoming familiar with the formalities involved. We encourage parents to assist children in being punctual for these assemblies.

During these assemblies awards and special presentations are made, and it is really disappointing if children miss out on this recognition because they are not present to receive them.

Grade 1 students have settled in well and have established good routines. They regularly spend time with the other Grade 1 class and are covering the same curriculum. The students are enthusiastic about their topic work 'Australia'.

Brainstorm Productions performance of Being Brave provided a great stimulus for classroom activities promoting emotional literacy and resilience. The students were able to talk about their feelings and strategies to cope with difficult situations, and enjoyed making a bravery medallion to take home.

Last year the school was able to host the Anglicare parenting course Growing Great Kids and a number of our parents attended. They found the sessions to be very informative and helpful. We are pleased to be hosting the program again this year, with the first session commencing on Friday 1st March. We would encourage all parents, grandparents and carers to attend these sessions as they will provide a valuable source of shared knowledge and expertise to help you face the challenges and embrace the rewards of parenting.

We would appreciate it if all children in Unit A could bring a fruit/vegetable snack for our 10 o'clock break as we find they really look forward to this and are disappointed if they don't have anything to eat at this time. Packaged fruit in cups can be very messy and easily spilt so we would appreciate it if a 'piece' of fruit/vegetable can be provided. If necessary, please remember to provide a fork or spoon for lunches that cannot be eaten with fingers

Just a reminder that the Grade 1 students have also been asked to provide a box of tissues for the classroom as these are used frequently during the day and we need a continuous supply.

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

Unit B

The children have spent the first few weeks learning about the Values for Australian Schooling, and reflecting on words such as Integrity, Inclusion, Respect, Responsibility and Kindness.

They have also been working on the ThinkPlus topics of Growth Mindset vs Fixed Mindset and Neuroplasticity. Grade 5/6F learnt that there are many new brain connections to be made when learning to juggle balls!

In writing, the children have written narrative stories and a report about themselves and their families.

We have started practising for Gala Day 1 and all children have selected a sport to participate in. The sports for this term are t-ball, netball, basketball and AFL footy. Later in the term the children will participate in a full day competition with other schools in the local area.

Grade Six families are reminded that payment for the Grade Six polo tops and hoodies is now due. Please see Brenda Carothers in the office to finalise your payments.

Thank you to the families that have sent in a box of tissues. We ask that all families provide a box of tissues to help provide tissues for the remainder of the year.

A reminder that all messages and payments for excursions is now available on the online program Compass. If you're not sure how to access Compass please see Shelby in the office.

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

Unit C

The students have settled in quickly and we have commenced work on our Science topic – "Dinosaurs". Our young palaeontologists are very enthusiastic when learning all about the various types of dinosaurs, what they ate, where they were found and even how to pronounce their names.

On Monday all Unit C students received a notice regarding an expression of interest in attending Camp in May. Would you please remember to complete and return this form to your child's teacher by Friday 22nd February. Also, could you please ensure that your child has brought their art smock and a box of tissues to school.

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

Unit D

Hello again from Unit D teachers!

The children are now all well settled and the unit is humming with engaged, busy students. The Year Ones have made their new home for the year and are enjoying being part of this team. It's delightful to see the Year Two's including and welcoming them to our weekly assembly. This is a time when we celebrate individual student's successes and any family celebrations which may have occurred during the week. We are delighted that grade 1R will also be joining us for this weekly event.

The current area of focus for the Year 2 students is looking at and investigating their local area. This involves locating local landmarks and facilities. When you are out and about please take the time to point out the features and areas of interest your area has to offer. In Year One our studies have taken us on a journey to outback Australia- learning about the traditions and legends of Aboriginal people and their culture.

What a Thursday we have had. First we had the Kids Matter event: Being Brave during the day and tonight it's the Welcome Picnic. The children love this opportunity to introduce their parents to their new teachers so we are hoping you can come along and meet with us all. It should be a lovely evening.

Parent helpers are a big part of the success of our year. We are now asking for parents to help us with our daily reading program. If you are interested and you can spare some time please let us know. We will also be putting a list on the notice board outside Unit D for you to sign up. Thank you in anticipation!

Lastly we ask if you would please send to school a box of tissues with your child. As you could appreciate we use many, many tissues throughout the day.

Kind regards,

Unit D Team,

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

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PARENTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS

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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:

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Jasbir Singh at Parentzone on 0431 203 177

(Simply text your name in to register)

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