

# NEWSLETTER

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## SICK BAY LINEN - FRIDAYS

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Kimberley Bodenas
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	Haitao Zhou

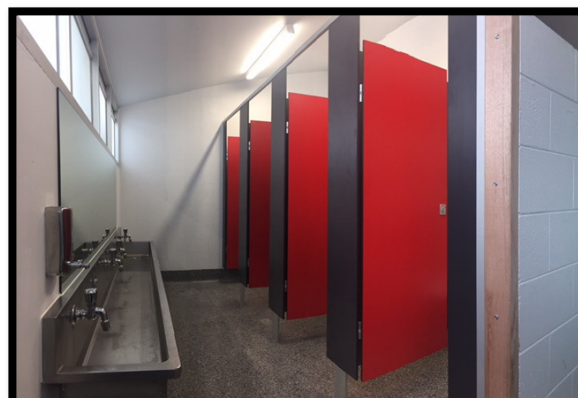
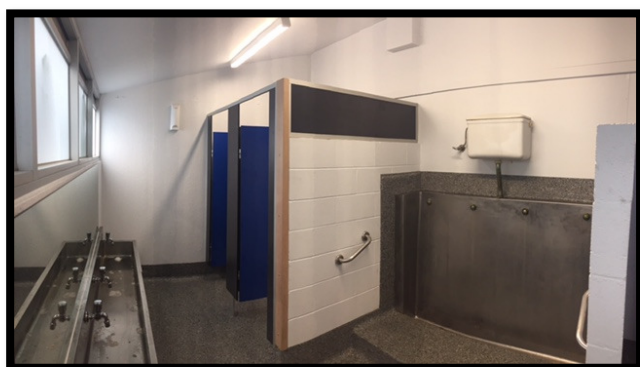
## Dates for Your Diary

<b>Friday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Rosewood Playgroup – Library 3.00pm-3.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Aug</b>	<b>AFL Player visit and clinic</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>Cup Cake Making and Decorating – in the hall</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>Rosewood Musos – Music room 3.00pm-3.30pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>Unit D Excursion – to IMAX and RUSH HQ</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>Division Winter Finals – Mixed Netball</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>Special Events Meeting – 3.45pm in staffroom</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>Rosewood Readers – Library 3.00pm-3.30pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>House Athletics – Unit B &amp; C</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Aug</b>	<b>District Gala Day 3 – Unit B</b>

A big welcome back to Term 3 to all families. The term has kicked off really positively with lots of activities underway and some exciting events and special days coming up soon.

Our student goal setting interviews were conducted on Wednesday afternoon and evening and I thank the many parents and families who made the time to visit the teachers to discuss their student's progress and talk about goals and priorities for Semester 2. These interviews are important as it helps to give parents and guardians a greater insight into what your child/ren are experiencing in the classroom and the work that teachers undertake to ensure that every child is achieving to their potential. I would like to thank the teachers who work very hard to make these interviews a worthwhile and beneficial experience for all involved.

Our Unit A and B toilets are now complete and have come up exceptionally well. Despite the fact that we hope the students don't spend too much time in there, toilet facilities are an important element of our buildings and grounds and we're pleased that we can offer these greatly improved amenities. The Unit C and D toilets will be upgraded during the next school holidays and I'm hopeful that all works will be completed during the break without encroaching on Term 4.





### **Pirate Ship**

In other exciting news, our new pirate ship playground is currently being installed and will be completed early next week. This will be a fantastic new addition to the yard and offers another diverse and creative play space that will appeal to all ages. Beside the boat itself, it includes monkey bars, a slide, climbing wall and scramble net amongst other things. If you have the opportunity, please feel free to come and take a look at this new equipment.

As outlined in the diary dates above, we have lots more exciting events coming up throughout the term and look forward to these with the promise of spring weather just around the corner.

Mrs Casey returns to school in week 4 of term after her Long Service Leave and we look forward to welcoming her back then.

Julian Growcott  
Acting Principal

### **KidsMatter**



### **Kids Help Line**

At Rosewood Downs we are working on actions from Component 4 – 'Helping children with mental health difficulties'. One of our target areas is to improve help-seeking. As part of our Social and Emotional Learning teachers have discussed the Kids Help Line with their students. The Kids Help Line website has been viewed in class, posters have been displayed around the school and flyers distributed to students in grade 2 and above. The Kids Help Website is a valuable resource and we encourage you to have a look as it provides worthwhile tips. The website can be accessed at [www.kidshelpline.com.au](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au). The Kids Help Line flyer is also attached.

### **Cup Cake Making and Decorating**

We had a great turn out to our first Cup Cake Making and decorating run by Sharon from Dandenong Neighbourhood House. Lots of helpful hints were provided as well as the opportunity to decorate your own cup cakes and enjoy these delicious treats.

We encourage you to come along to our second Cup Cake Making and Decorating session on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 9.30am - 11.30am in the Rosewood Downs Hall foyer. This session is for both those that attended the first session or first time attendees. Further information is available on the attached flyer.

We look forward to Neighbourhood House offering regular sessions at Rosewood Downs. We are looking at quick and healthy meal options and fire safety in the kitchen. Our next newsletter will have further details.



### **Kids Matter Action Team**



Thank you to all our families who came along to interviews yesterday. Interviews are an important part of our ThinkPlus journey. The key to ThinkPlus is the concept that intelligence can be developed and our interviews gave opportunities for questions to be asked and constructive feedback to be given. Encourage your child to use the information received, in both their reports and at interviews, to stretch themselves outside their comfort zone and develop skills and abilities they previously thought were not possible.

### **ThinkPlus Action Team**

#### **Caught You Being Kind Award**

Liana Serdar, Luka Mimic and Tonu Evile Peni were 'Caught being Kind'. Well done Liana, Luka and Tonu.

#### **Student of the Week**

##### ***Respect***

Mingqi Duan, Andreas Ntotas, Amrita Kaur, Lianna Inn Thomas

##### ***Responsibility***

Elesha Interligi, Sienna Wilson, Cade Marsh, Ruby Kendall

#### **Music Award**

Natalie Otruba, Maria Sagiadellis, Aref Adboul Hak, Milli Amare, Mia Souleiman, Niko Ntotas, Salemey Abdoul Hak

Amber Xidis, Dev Walia, Erfan Akbari, Amelia Pisimisi, Regan Skinner, Ashlee Spencer, Nikola Rakovic

### **Anita Chan – Music & Lote Coordinator**

#### **Sport Awards & News**

Nemanja Ivanovic, Maahi Kaur, Theodora Rozakis, Niki Stankovic, Yianni Rozakis, Niko Ntotas, Tanner Paterson

##### **AFL Player Visit – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August**

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August, all students in Unit C will be receiving a visit from some AFL players. They will be working with the students from 2:30 to 3:30pm.

This visit is part of the AFL community program that encourages children to participate in junior football, as well as other physical activities. The players will be emphasising the benefits associated with playing sport such as building teamwork, leadership skills and resilience.

Students are welcome to bring along football jumpers of their chosen team to wear for the afternoon session, but normal school uniform is required for the rest of the day. The players will sign a photo page that will be copied for students so there will be no jumper signing on the day.

##### **Division Winter Finals – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

Our school Mixed Netball team will be playing in the Greater Dandenong Division Winter Finals. The team was successful winning the last Gala Day competition and will now play against the winning schools from the Springvale and Noble Park Districts. We wish the team the best of luck.

Zara Badic, Brandon Chiem, Nicholas Cunningham, Sonia Doan, Kaniha Muhundan, Sam Norton, Peter Kranias, Sienna Wilson and Sophie Xerri

### **Unit B and C House Athletics – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

We will be holding our House Athletics Day at Ross Reserve on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August. It would be great if any parents who are available can come along to help with the various track and field events on the day or just come to support the students as they compete for their team to win the House trophy. This event will also form part of the selection process for the upcoming District Athletics competition in September.

### **Unit B District Gala Sports Day – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

We are all looking forward to our third and final Gala Sports Day for the year. The Unit B students will be competing in four sports against students from the 9 other schools in our District.

The venues for the Gala Sports Day this Friday are:

AFL 9s, T20 Blast Cricket and Osh Rounders – Greaves Reserve (Bennet St, Dandenong)

Soccer 6s – Dandenong Soccer 5s (29 Brindley St, Dandenong South)

The competitions will be starting at around 10:00am and will run to about 2:00pm.

If there are any parents from Unit B available to help and support our teams could they please let the Unit B teachers know, thank you.

### **House Team Merchandise**

We now have all of the House T-shirts in stock at school. If you are thinking of buying a new T-shirt they will be available for purchase through the office. Please see Mr Campbell for the available sizes. They are \$27 each or a special pack for \$30 including two merchandise items.

In the lead up to the House Athletics, which is our third House event this year, we will be selling more House merchandise. There will be lots of different items ranging from \$2 to \$5 and they will be on sale before assembly in the hall. Thank you to all of the students who have helped to make all of the merchandise items. A special thanks to Sonia Doan who finished all of the items at home with her family during the holidays.

### **Lindsay Campbell - Sport Coordinator**

#### **Woolworths Earn & Learn**

Earn and Learn is on again and RDPS would love for anyone from our community—parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends—who shop at Woolworths, to start collecting stickers. Every sticker goes towards access to a wide range of educational resources for Mathematics, Science, English, Sport and more! The more we collect, the more we can redeem.

You can help our school by simply:

- Shopping at Woolworths – you will receive one sticker for every \$10 spent.
- Sticking the stickers on an Earn and Learn sheet.
- Putting your filled sheet into our collection boxes (either at the office or at Waverley Gardens Shopping Centre).

We are grateful for your support.

**Mia Todisco**

#### **Special Events Committee**

We will be holding our next meeting on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 3:45pm** in the staffroom to discuss our special events for Term 3. We welcome all parents to join us to share ideas for future fundraising efforts.

Thank you,

**Lindsay Campbell, Maddy Hartmann, Mary Chan, Liz O'Meara and Brenda Brighton**



## Parents & Friends Association



Well welcome to TERM 3 everybody. Time sure is flying by. We have lots of fun events happening this term and we would love to see more and more parents get involved. The Father's Day stall will be held on 31<sup>st</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> September. We have lots of fun and interesting gifts lined up for the students to purchase to surprise their dads and grandads with. We also would love to have some more helpers come along to help run the stall, if you can spare an hour or 2 please see myself or Anna in the office or come along to our next PFA meeting which will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 9:15am in the community space in the hall foyer.

The indoor garden is looking fresh and new with a big thanks to the parents who helped clear the space and Mr Growcott who has done some amazing work planting and landscaping. We have more gardening projects planned and would love some more volunteers to come and join us on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August after assembly where we will prune and tidy the second indoor garden opposite Unit B.

**Allison Esmonde – PFA president**

### School Banking Tokens



Welcome back everyone to Term 3.

Thank you to all of our school bankers. Please make sure that you bring your bank book to school every Wednesday and hand to your teacher in the morning for processing.

As always if any parents would like to know more information about school banking or if you have any questions please send us a note and we will respond or come see us in the staff room on Wednesday mornings.

Please read the attached flier from the Commonwealth Bank.

Happy Banking.

**Banking** is processed on **Wednesday mornings**.

**Michelle Marsh**

## Rosewood Readers and Playgroup Term 3

### Term 3, 2017

July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Readers
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Musos
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Readers
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Musos
September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Readers
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Musos
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Last day of Term 3</b>



### ROSEWOOD DOWNS Primary School

Murray Road, Dandenong North 3175 (Ph) 9795 3744

All toddlers and pre-school children  
are invited to join us for:

**Rosewood Playgroup**  
in the Library

**Rosewood Readers**  
in the Library

**Rosewood Musos** **NEW!**  
in the Music Room

**Fridays 3 - 3:30pm**

## Unit News

### Unit A

Unit A has settled back in nicely after our two week break. In Term 3 the students will learn that all families are special and unique. They will have the opportunity to share information about their family members with the rest of their class. Each student will take home a 'Family Box' where they can fill it with items that represent each member of their family. We ask for some assistance when choosing items for the Family Box. They will present each item to their class, so some practice at home would be helpful.

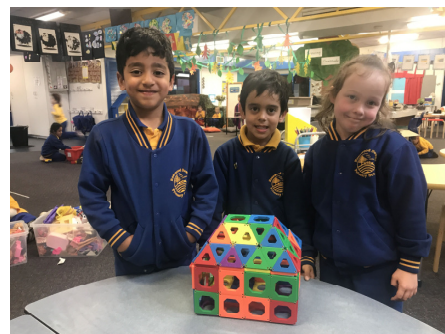
Due to the colder weather, students are bringing in extra jackets and coats to keep warm and dry. We kindly ask that all clothing items are clearly named to help reduce any lost property.

PMP has started again for the term. We are back in the Dance Studio on Mondays from 2:30pm. Any parent helpers would be greatly appreciated!

Last term we received some new play items in Unit A. The prep students were very excited to play with our magnetic shapes and 'doggie' blocks. We are still waiting on more items which arrive later this term. Here are some photos of our students' creations!

### Unit A Team

**Ashlee Rumney, Linda Harrison and Karen Woodhouse**



### Unit B

#### Musical

Grade 6 students are continuing to progress well during rehearsals. Most students have memorised all their lines and are able to perform without the assistance of a script. It is still expected that students practise their lines at home each night, saying them out loud, working on projection, pronunciation and tempo. At times students can still speak a little quickly making it hard for the audience to understand what is being said. We appreciate your help preparing your child for the performances which are creeping up very fast.

Grade 5 students are looking forward to their new areas of study for this term. In Economics, after learning about Needs and Wants, Producers and Consumers and Consumer Rights and Responsibilities in Term 2, the students will now put their knowledge into practice. They will create an advertising campaign for the Grade 6 musical and make a specific product for sale before the production begins.

The Primary Science program at Lyndale Secondary College began for 5B this week with experiments involving the creation and observation of chemical reactions. Mrs Brighton's class will have more lessons over the next three weeks and Mrs Ford's class will begin their lessons on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

Grade 5B used a writing rake to explore their reactions to the cold winter mornings during the holidays. They then created a short piece of writing focusing on vocabulary, similes and metaphor.

These are two examples of the writing:

#### COLD

I was awake - even though I didn't want to be. Anyway, it was too late, I couldn't drift off to sleep straight away like I wished I could. It was a freezing morning but I didn't have to check to know that. I could feel the icy air being sucked in and out of my frozen nostrils. I was shivering and my teeth were chattering like crazy! I was trying my best not to move so I didn't burst through the layer of warmth around me and into a pool of ice. My eyes stayed tightly shut because if they opened it would be even harder to fall back to sleep. I listened to the bird song coming from outside my bedroom window and thought of those poor birds out there with only feathers to protect them from the cold.

Now I needed to get out of bed to go to the bathroom. I slowly lifted my feet and swung them over the bed - that's when the cold really hit me. It felt like someone was slowly pouring fresh ice into my body. I shivered violently. I jumped out of bed as fast as I could, I didn't think I could bear one more second in the pool of ice. When my feet hit the ground I thought I had just placed my bare feet on a sheet of freshly fallen snow.

I tip-toed across my freezing bedroom, trying to touch as least carpet as I could, and out of my bedroom door. I placed my feet in my warm, snugly slippers and ran to the bathroom like a flash.

Chloe Burley 5B

### COLD NIGHT

As I awoke from my peaceful sleep in the middle of the night - the room was cold and murky. My body was vibrating to the point where I thought I was going to split in half. As I breathed in it felt like I was being slowly frozen and I soon realized that my body was not built for this frosty winter. Shivering and shaking I pulled the blanket back over me. Restless and tired I tried to think about the warm toasty fireplace and wondering how I wouldn't freeze. Soon I realized that it wasn't going to warm up any time soon in my room and I would soon be frozen. I felt like my head was on a freezing ice block and it didn't help that the chilly wind was seeping through the window. It felt like I was lying in the snow and I just couldn't take it. Slowly and reluctantly I got up and closed the window but I observed that it was instantly covered in mist and fog. I quickly leaped up as my blanket was a cold ice sheet lying over me, it was as if someone had filled my blanket with ice. I knew it was going to be a long night.

Jonah Parata 5B

### **Unit B Team**

**Ben Pinwill, Ashleigh Price-Bell, Brenda Brighton, Carly Pinwill and Jo Ford**

### Unit C

Hello everybody and welcome back to term 3. We hope you all had a nice break and safe holidays. The students in Unit C are looking forward to getting back into the swing of things and term 3 should be a lot less busy than term 2 in terms of extra-curricular programs.

At the end of last term, we asked all the students to return any reading books they had borrowed from Unit C so we could do an audit. Unfortunately, we have a large number of books still missing. If you know of any books that are at home and belong to the school, could you please assist us with returning them as soon as possible.

Thank you,

### **Unit C Team**

**Shaun Pepper, Mia Todisco, Gail Fitzpatrick and Liz O'Meara**

### Unit D

Welcome back to term 3 to all our Unit D students and families. We hope you all had a lovely break over the holidays.

Unit D students have had a smooth transition into the beginning of term 3 and have jumped right into their integrated topics - 'All Creatures Big & Small' and 'Light & Sounds'. The Grade 2's have been learning about the characteristics of different animals and their young and the Grade 1's have been conducting experiments on how sounds are made and how sound travels.

We have been very fortunate to receive some new furniture in our unit this term and the students are enjoying using their brand new chairs and tables.

All of Unit D are eagerly awaiting our excursion to IMAX Cinema and Rush HQ next week. To help us with our organisation of the day, we would really appreciate all notices returned and payments made, by the end of this week. Please remember that students are required to bring their own food and plastic drink bottle in a small backpack and must be in school uniform, on the day.

The Grade 2's have been enthusiastic about their new weekly homework tasks. They will be receiving an optional homework sheet to reinforce skills they have been practising in Maths Tool Sessions, most weeks. They have also received a times tables chart and will be partaking in a 'Times Tables Challenge' throughout the term. We would appreciate if they could practise these skills at home.

It's been fantastic having some extra parent helpers in the unit to assist the teachers since the beginning of term. We really appreciate the time they have given up to listen to children read and help with some Maths activities. If you would like to help out in our unit, please just let your child's classroom teach know.

It was great to meet with so many of our Unit D parents at our Parent-Teacher interviews yesterday and to have the opportunity to discuss the students' progress and development. If you were unable to attend,



please see your child's teacher to reschedule another time that is suitable. We look forward to continuing to work together in the busy term ahead.

#### Unit D team

Mary Chan (1C), Terrie Palmer-Tanner (1PT), Maddy Hartmann (2H) & Dianne McCulloch (2M)



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# Exciting reasons to keep saving with School Banking.

Welcome back to school for Term 3. It's great to see School Bankers showing continued saving efforts through the first half of the year.

## Don't miss out on the Grand Prize competition ending this term

To be in the running for a family trip to Tokyo Disneyland, children need to make 15 or more School Banking deposits between 23 January 2017 and the end of Term 3.

## New reward items available in Term 3

After making 10 School Banking deposits, children can now choose to redeem the Smiley Emoji Keyring or the Volt Handball.

## Keep track of savings and tokens with the CommBank Youth app

To help enhance the financial education of children, we've introduced the CommBank Youth app, available on any iOS 9.0+ device from the App Store. This innovative banking app gives kids hands-on experience in learning real-life money skills in a safe and fun digital environment. It also provides a new way for School Bankers to keep track of their Dollarmites tokens.

## PLUS EXCITING GAMES TO PLAY AND PRIZES TO WIN

On Monday 14 August 2017 we will be launching an exciting School Banking competition with prizes to win and an incredible game experience. Your school will receive more details soon, so stay tuned.

More information about CommBank's School Banking program and the CommBank Youth app is available at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)



Things you should know: Full terms and conditions found at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking). Competition is open to Australian residents aged 4-13 years only with parental/guardian permission, who have an active CBA YouthSaver account and participating in CBA's School Banking program. Competition starts 23/1/17 and ends 11.59pm AEST 29/6/17. Max 1 entry/person. Draw takes place at 13/11 Harbour St, Sydney NSW 2000 at 12pm AEST 11/10/17. Winner's details published in The Australian 17/10/17. Prize details: 1 x 5-night trip for 2 adults + 3 kids (aged 13 and under) to Tokyo, Japan, valued up to AUD\$2,855. Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ABN 48 123 123 124, of Level 30, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Permits: NSW LTPS/16/07069; ACT TP16/07158; SA 116/1590.