

# NEWSLETTER

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## SICK BAY LINEN - FRIDAYS

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Haitao Zhou
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Daniella Cetkovic

### Dates for Your Diary

#### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March Curriculum Day- (Pupil Free Day)

Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Division Swimming – Noble Park Aquatic Centre
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Labour Day - Public Holiday (Pupil Free Day)
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	SEDA Basketball Clinics – Grades 3-6
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Rosewood Playgroup – Dance Studio
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Crazy Hair Day & School Disco
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Mindfulness Special Day/Evening - for students and parents
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Rosewood Readers – Library
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	School Cross Country and Fun Run
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Region Swimming

#### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March Last Day of Term with Hat Parade Finish 2.30pm

Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> Apr	First Day of Term 2
Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	School Photos
Mon – Wed	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Unit B Camp - CYC City
Wed – Fri	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Unit C Camp – CYC The Island, Phillip Island
Mon – Tues	8 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Unit D Camp – Camp Oasis, Mount Evelyn
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Curriculum Day- (Pupil Free Day)

### Student /Goal Setting Interviews-Today- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Just a reminder, that our goal setting interviews will be held from 2.00pm until 7.00pm today. If you are unable to attend at your specified time, please phone the school on 9795-3744 and we will make sure that your message is passed on to the class teacher.



### 'Immunisation Certificates- Important Information'

Reminder letters regarding immunisation certificates have been posted home. If you have received a reminder could you, please bring your child/children's immunisation certificate into the office as soon as possible.



### Junior School Council Representatives

Congratulations to our Junior School Council Representatives who were awarded their badges at assembly on Monday morning. The students representing classes from years 3 - 5 included Tazmeen Khan, Sara Babalj, Janith Amarasinghe, Mia Souleiman, May Pham and Niko Ntotas.

## CSEF- CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND 2017- IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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 are eligible for CSEF then you need to apply every year. *(Even if you received CSEF in 2016)* Application forms were sent home last week. Completed Application Forms need to be returned to the school with proof of a current concession card. *(Some parents have just sent the form and unfortunately we cannot proceed with the application without seeing your valid concession card)* You are encouraged to lodge the application form as soon as possible. The Closing Date for applications is June 30<sup>th</sup> 2017. Extra forms are available from the front office.

## School Council

Last week we had the first meeting of our 2017 School Council. The following council positions were filled at the meeting: President - Gosia Zastawnik, Vice President - Lorraine Thompson, Minutes Secretary - Michelle Marsh and Treasurer - Allison Esmonde. We always welcome parent input and if you would like to join one of our School Sub-committees please contact me.

*Helen*

## **ThinkPlus**



**ThinkPlus** encourages positive ongoing questioning and constructive feedback.  
**ThinkPlus** challenges students to stretch themselves out of their comfort zone.  
**Think Plus** empowers students to develop skills and abilities they previously thought were not possible.

The Student Goal Setting Interviews are an opportunity for you to see how ThinkPlus is helping our students learn more effectively. Your child will have the opportunity to share their Learning Journal with you at today's interviews. Thank you to all families who have attended these interviews, thereby strengthening the partnership between home and school.

## ThinkPlus Action Team

## **Caught You Being Kind Award**

Sienna Wilson and Rafaella Villegas were 'Caught being Kind'. Well done Sienna and Rafaella.

## **Student of the Week**

**The following students received Student of the Week Awards:**

### *Integrity*

Natalie Otruba, Matthew Lawrence, Maria Milkovic, Leonora Rakovic

### *Honesty and Trustworthiness*

Nemanja Ivanovic, Ted Dimopoulos, Rafaella Villegas, Katarina Nedic

## **Art News**

Hi from the Art Room,



We are on the hunt for any unwanted nail polish and 500ml plastic drink bottles for our next amazing project. Could we please have these ASAP.

Thank you from the Art Team.



## Debbie and the student Art Team (Peter, Tijana, Shaylee, Jacinta, Tamara)



### **FOR STUDENTS**

- Social and Emotional Curriculum lessons with class teachers, showcasing Bounce Back or The Resilience Project
- Unit Activities on Mindfulness, Empathy, Gratitude and Emotional Literacy
- Yoga Sessions with Mr Campbell
- Incursion: The Bongo Brothers will take our students on a multicultural comic musical journey around the world. 'Quest for the Ultimate Rhythm' is a performance full of world music, laughter and dancing. It challenges us to think how mindfulness can be linked to rhythm and dance. Further information about the Bongo Brothers can be found at [www.schoolperformance.com.au](http://www.schoolperformance.com.au)

Performance Times: 12.00 pm – 1.00 pm: Prep – Grade 2      2.30 pm – 3.30 pm: – Grades 3 - 6  
Cost: \$6.00 per student

**Please forward the permission form and \$6.00 to school in a named envelope by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.**

- Free Movie Night for Rosewood Downs students who have family members attending the Thinkbubbles Parent Session

### **FOR PARENTS & CARERS**

- 9.00 am – 9.30 am: Invitation to visit classrooms to see our Social and Emotional learning in action
- 9.30 am – 10.00 am: Morning Tea in our Community Space to connect with other families and the Leadership team
- FREE Yoga Session in the morning at a time to be decided. Run by an instructor from Oasis. Adults only please.
- 12.00 pm or 2.30 pm: Join in the fun at a Bongo Brothers performance
- 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm: FREE Thinkbubbles Twilight Parent & Friends Session. Victoria Gelberg will introduce mindfulness, meditation and how to incorporate mindfulness into your everyday lives for your own wellbeing and also for your children's wellbeing.

Detailed information has been sent home with all students. We look forward to students and families joining us at these events.

If you have any further questions about the Kids Matter Special Day, please contact Deborah Lucas or the office.



### **Kids Matter Action Team**

## Music Award & Music News

Fiona Zhou, Hadden Marsh, Ruby Fitzgerald, Bethany Schafer, John Choi, Ted Dimopoulos, Nemanja Ivanovic, Teo Miljanic, Eliza Roden, Luke Sarlija, Sophie Fitzgerald, Nicholas Cunningham, Theodora Rozakis

Dear parents and friends. Do you have any band instruments such as bass guitar, saxophone, flute, trumpet or clarinet that haven't been used in a while? We would be grateful if you could donate it to the school to help expand our band program.

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

## Sport Awards & News

Chryssie Maragos, Gabriel Hofferts, Mikayla Beart, Aaron Zastawnik, Cade Marsh, Charlotte Tereapii, Ted Dimopoulos

Lilly Tran, Liana Thomas, Mikailo Trakilovic, Irene Mathew, Damian Milic, Mitchell Quinn, Anastasia Cvjetanovski

## **SPORT NEWS**

### **Save the date: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March School Cross Country and Fun Run at Tirhatuan Park (Kriegel Way)**

- This is a **free** school event which is a House team competition. All students are required to return their **Minor Excursion forms** to be able to attend. Families are welcome to attend to support the students. Parent helpers are needed to make this event run smoothly, so please see Mr Campbell if you are able to assist.

For more details please refer to the separate information sheet. Thank you.

### **Division Swimming – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Our Swimming Team will compete at the Noble Park swimming pool against students from around the Greater Dandenong Division. Thank you to the students and parents attending as this will be on our school's curriculum day. Good luck to the students in the following events:

#### **12 year old girls**

Tamara Ristevski	50m Freestyle and Backstroke
4x50m Freestyle Relay	Kaniha Muhundan, Kayla Petta, Sienna Wilson and Sophie Xerri

#### **12 year old boys**

Tarkyn Roden	50m Freestyle
Sam Norton	50m Backstroke
4x50m Freestyle Relay	Tarkyn Roden, Vladimir Milkovic, Sam Norton and Nathan Beteramia

#### **11 year old boys**

Nathan Beteramia	50m Freestyle and Breaststroke
Vladimir Milkovic	50m Backstroke

#### **9/10 year old girls**

Lanny Duan	50m Freestyle and Breaststroke
Maria Milkovic	50m Backstroke

#### **9/10 year old boys**

Calin Searle	50m Freestyle and Backstroke
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### **Lindsay Campbell - Sport Coordinator**

## Events Committee

Thank you to the parents and staff who attended our meeting on Monday afternoon. We made the final arrangements for the upcoming school Disco and the Easter Raffle. We are still looking for more helpers and input to keep making our school events successful. If you are able to assist us with the Disco or if you are able to secure more donations towards the Easter Raffle, please contact the office or come and see us.

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

## Junior School Council



### **Mr Shaun Pepper is shaving his hair on CRAZY HAIR DAY!!**

This year Mr Pepper will be taking part in the World's Greatest Shave. Please sponsor him to give Aussie families facing blood cancer the emotional and practical support they need. You will also help fund vital research so more people survive blood cancers like lymphoma, leukaemia and myeloma.

You may not know it but blood cancer is the third most common cause of cancer death in Australia, claiming more lives than breast cancer or melanoma. Every day another 35 people will be diagnosed. No matter how much you give, it's an extraordinary way to make a difference. Help him make the most of the World's Greatest Shave experience and sponsor him today:  
<http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/ShawnPepper>

### **Save the Date – Hat Parade – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

On the last day of Term 1 we will be holding our annual Hat Parade in support of the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. We will be announcing this year's theme soon so everyone can get started making their hats.

**Lindsay Campbell and the JSC Captains**

## Environment News

### **Schools Clean Up Day**

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March all children from our school helped to make our school environment a better place by participating in Schools Clean Up Day. The children have learnt that it is important to look after our environment and keep it clean.

**Australia wide, Clean Up Australia Day was on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Clean Up Australia Day** inspires thousands of Australians to volunteer their time to clean up their local park, beach, bushland, streets and schools. Community groups such as Scouts and Guides also get together to clean up our environment. Since the national event started in 1990, Australians have donated more than 28 million hours cleaning their local environments. They have removed around 300,000 tonnes of rubbish from sites across Australia.

\*\*\*Did you know that throughout the year you can also continue to make our school a clean and tidy environment by bringing less pre-packaged food to school? Try using a washable plastic sandwich or snack container instead.



\*\*\*In addition you can say "NO" to plastic bags in the supermarket and use green recycling bags instead.

Thanks to everyone for helping to look after our environment.

**Luka and Dylan (Environmental Captains)**  
**Jo Ford and Mary Chan (Co-ordinators)**



### **Parents and Friends**

Parents and Friends would love to welcome some new members at our next meeting on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March for our AGM. We run the committee with 4 position holders President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, however these positions are supported by all parents and friends who attend our meetings and volunteer to help with events. If you would be interested in coming along to our AGM and nominating for a committee position or would like to be a general member we would love to have you. Our committee help organised the Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, BBQ's, volunteer to help with the Events committee with fundraising and we help the teachers organise and run the Grade 6 Graduation. It is a great way to meet new parents, share ideas, concerns, get answers to questions and even speak to some of the parents who are on School Council as well. Our Principal Mrs Helen Casey and Ms Debbie Payne attend our meetings as well and this gives us a lot of information and they are happy to answer any questions you may have, as well, the PFA is a great forum. I hope to see some new faces on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am in the Hall Foyer for a coffee and some morning tea.

### **Allison Esmonde – PFA president**



### **School Banking**

It is great to see so many students remembering to bring their bank books to school every Wednesday. We encourage all students to participate in the School Banking Program as it provides a fun, interactive and engaging way for children to learn about money and develop good saving habits. And the school will receive 5% of the value back into our account as a bonus, no matter how big or small your deposit amount is.

For more information about the program log onto:

<https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html> or please come and visit one of our School banking co ordinators in the staff room on a Wednesday morning straight after assembly.

Happy Banking Everyone!

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

**Michelle Marsh**



## ROSEWOOD READERS

For all pre-school children and toddlers.

An invitation to join us:

**WHERE:** Rosewood Downs Library  
**WHEN:** Alternate Fridays - School days only  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April**



**TIME:** 3:00pm—3.30pm

✚ Excluding the last day of each term

*Rosewood Playgroup is held on the alternate Fridays.*

## ROSEWOOD PLAYGROUP

For all pre-school children and toddlers.

An invitation to join us:

**WHERE:** Rosewood Downs Dance Studio  
**WHEN:** Alternate Fridays - School days only  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April**



**TIME:** 3:00pm—3.30pm

✚ Excluding the last day of each term

*Rosewood Readers is held on the alternate Fridays.*

✚ **Excluding Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Curriculum Day**

## Unit News

### Unit A

Unit A is buzzing with activities as the Preps continue to settle into school life. They have had a busy two weeks once again. This week started with participation in “Clean Up Australia day” where the Preps worked with the Grade Five children to clean up the yard outside Unit A and the Quiet Area. This is the second opportunity they have had to work with the Grade Five Children; who will become their “Buddies” in the coming weeks. We are planning a few informal sessions for the children to get to know one another and then we will look at the best ways to make closer ties between them. This week the Preps did their first Wednesday at school but with the Curriculum day tomorrow and the long weekend ahead we still have to wait a bit before they complete their first 5 day week at school.

The Prep teachers are very much looking forward to welcoming parent helpers into our classrooms to help with reading and activities, so please keep your eye out for information coming soon. We often pop notices into the childrens’ bookbags, especially if they have been absent; so each night, as you hear your child read their book and do their words and sounds please remember to look through their bag for any notices that may have been put in.

Thank you for all the support that you give to your children and we look forward to working together to achieve the Learning Goal discussed and set at Parent teacher interviews this week.

Have a great fortnight,

### Unit A Team

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

## **Unit B**

### **History Project**

Grade 5 and 6 students have been preparing for their history projects  
Students are to create a poster about:

1. Your family's migration to Australia OR
2. Pick a country and research their migration to Australia post World War II

Grade 6 students have begun to research, interviewing family and looking at layout examples; whilst Grade 5 students have been hard at work preparing mini projects in class, preparing themselves for larger assignments.

#### **Camp**

Just a reminder that camp notices and payments need to be finalised by the 24<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **Unit B Team**

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

## **Unit C**

Hello from Unit C,

Last week camp notices were handed out to the students, it would be greatly appreciated if these could be brought back to school ASAP. Payments can be made in instalments and if there are any issues regarding payment, please see Mrs Carothers in the office.

If there are any parents who would like to donate their time and volunteer to help with reading and other activities, please see your child's teacher.

Thanks,

#### **Unit C Team**

**Shaun Pepper, Michael Richards, Gail Fitzpatrick and Liz O 'Meara**

## **Unit D**

In the past two weeks, the children have been working really hard to improve in all areas of learning and we are extremely proud of their efforts.

We would like to thank all the grandparents who joined us on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February for the Grandparent's Day afternoon tea. The children really enjoyed learning about their family tree and discovering how life was back in their grandparents' youth.

Our 'Clean Up Australia Day' session on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March was a total success with students bringing garden gloves from home to pick up all the rubbish found within the school's premises. As a Unit, we aim to reduce the amount of rubbish we produce every day and teach our students to become mindful of waste disposal.

We also want to remind you of the upcoming Goal Setting Interviews happening on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March between 2 pm and 7 pm and we look forward to seeing you then.

Enjoy the long weekend!

#### **Unit D team**

**Mary Chan (1C), Mia Todisco on behalf of Terrie Palmer-Tanner (1PT), Maddy Hartmann (2H) & Dianne McCulloch (2M)**





# SEDA Basketball Clinic

On **Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> March**, all students in **Unit C and Unit B** will be participating in a 50 minute coaching session run by the students from SEDA. This free program will take place at school so no permission form is required.

These sessions are part of the Basketball program run by SEDA at the Dandenong Basketball Stadium, which encourages children to participate in junior basketball, as well as other physical activities. The instructors will be focusing on the basic skills and rules to play the game.

**The session times for Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> are:**

**9:10am – 10:00am – Grade 3**

**10:05am – 10:55am – Grade 4**

**11:35am – 12:25pm – Grade 5**

**12:30pm – 1:20pm – Grade 6**

Thank you.

**Lindsay Campbell**  
**PE Co-ordinator**

**Debbie Payne**  
**Assistant Principal**

# School Cross Country

## FREE EVENT

**When:** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

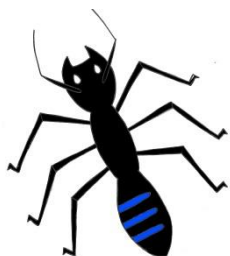
**Where:** Tirhatuan Park (Kriegel Way)

**Who:** All students from Prep to Grade 6

**What to wear:** House coloured shirt and school shorts, appropriate running shoes and school hat.

**What to take:** Students will need to take a hat, drink, snack, sunscreen and asthma puffer, if required. Students will be in charge of their own belongings and ensure that any rubbish they have must be brought back with them.

**Timetable:** Students in **Grade 3 to 6** will leave for Kriegel Way after assembly. Below are the approximate times for the events.



9:45	12/13 year olds	Boys
10:15	12/13 year olds	Girls
10:30	11 year olds	Boys
10:45	11 year olds	Girls
11:00	9/10 year olds	Boys
11:15	9/10 year olds	Girls



Students in **Prep, Grade 1 and 2** will participate in a 'Fun Run' (weather permitting) where they can score house points for completing a full lap. They will leave for Kriegel Way after morning recess, so they will not need to take a snack. Older students will stay at Kriegel Way to support and assist the younger students.



12:00	Grade 2	Boys and Girls
12:15	Grade 1	Boys and Girls
12:30	Prep	Boys and Girls



**Parent helpers:** If you would like to help out with marshalling or record keeping please leave your name at the office or see Mr Campbell.

**Lindsay Campbell**  
Sport Co-ordinator

**Helen Casey**  
Principal

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Training is once a week on  
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