



NEWSLETTER

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SICKBAY LINEN

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

DIARY DATES

(2:00pm – 7:00pm) Thursday 7th March (Today)	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
(before 9:30am) Wednesday 13th March	School Banking
(9:30am – 12:00pm) Friday 15th March	Anglicare – Growing Great Kids Program
Friday 15th March	Nude Food Day
(9:15am) Tuesday 19th March	PFA Meeting – Hall Foyer
(before 9:30am) Wednesday 20th March	School Banking
Friday 22nd March	School Cross Country/Fun Run
(9:30am – 12:00pm) Friday 22nd March	Anglicare – Growing Great Kids Program
Friday 22nd March	Neighbourhood House Sausage Sizzle
(before 9:30am) Wednesday 27th March	School Banking
(11:00am – 3:30pm) Thursday 28th March	Regional Swimming
(9:00am – 2:30pm) Friday 29th March	District Gala Day 1 – UNIT B
(9:30am – 12:00pm) Friday 29th March	Anglicare – Growing Great Kids Program
(2:30pm – 3:30pm) Friday 29th March	Earth Hour
(before 9:30am) Wednesday 3rd April	School Banking
(8:55am – 2:30pm) Friday 5th April	LAST DAY OF TERM – EARLY FINISH
(9:30am – 10:45am) Friday 5th April	Hat Parade – Good Friday Appeal
(9:30am – 12:00pm) Friday 5th April	Neighbourhood House Cupcake Decorating





Principal's Report

School Leader Presentation

At Monday's assembly, we presented badges to our school captains for the 2019 school year. Our school council president, Gosia Zastawnik was in attendance to help with the presentation. We are very lucky to have a terrific group of senior student leaders at our school and I look forward to them participating in the organisation of school events and activities and setting a positive example for the younger students. Being a captain at Rosewood Downs provides a great opportunity for our students to learn valuable leadership skills that can serve them well not only at RDPS, but beyond school into their working careers and life in general. We have a number of development sessions scheduled in 2019 for our student leaders which will help them develop leadership skills and behaviours and learn more about how their actions can serve to positively influence others.

Interview Evening

Our interview evening is taking place this evening and we look forward to having many of our parents and guardians visiting the school to meet with their child's teacher. Please make sure you arrive at your scheduled time and understand that teachers need to adhere to a strict ten-minute interview. Although the interviews are quite brief, it allows the teachers and parents to discuss how the student has settled into the 2019 school year and talk about a range of learning goals and objectives with the input of their child. A child's full educational potential can only be reached when the school and family work in partnership and support one another on a shared learning journey. We appreciate your attendance during these interviews and look forward to working positively with families throughout the year.

Compass Calendar

The school is working really hard to communicate in a timely and effective manner with our school community. Compass has been very warmly received by our families and provides a great means to keep parents up to date with everything that is happening at school. If you have not already logged on to the system, please make sure you do so as soon as possible. If you do not have your credentials, or have forgotten or lost them, please see Shelby in the office who will re-issue them for you. We are trying hard to balance our communications by keeping everyone informed of important happenings without bombarding you with too many notifications. To that end, I wanted to direct parents towards the calendar feature of Compass. The app displays the event for the



COMPASS
School Manager

current day, but you can also view dates in advance and check for upcoming events and activities. If you open Compass in browser mode, you can also see the calendar in a weekly or monthly view by clicking on the calendar icon. We endeavour to put all school activities in the calendar so that you can stay informed and up to date.

Pupil-Free Curriculum Day and Labour Day Public Holiday

I'm pretty sure families don't need reminding about the exciting fact that students will get four days off school over the upcoming long weekend! We have a curriculum day on Friday so no students will be required to attend school and Monday is the state-wide Labour Day public holiday. Our staff will be at school on Friday participating in professional learning focusing on curriculum development and implementation.



**KEEP
CALM
ITS
A LONG
WEEKEND**

Division Swimming Trials

We are very proud of the nine students who will be representing our school at the division swimming trials on Friday. The trials take place at Noble Park Aquatic Centre and Calin, Jack, Maria, Hadden, Cade, Teo, Anthony, Lanny and Aleisha are all representing our school in a variety of different events. We wish them the best of luck and know they will do our school proud.



VPS Basketball

We have had a fantastic response to the VPS basketball competition which kicked off last Friday at Dandenong Basketball Stadium on Stud Rd. It was pretty hot and quite hectic initially as students got measured for their uniforms and got ready to play in a grading game. There was a great atmosphere at the stadium and it was great seeing so many students participating and trying their best along with showing great sportsmanship during games. All students will receive a



brand new RDPS team uniform in coming weeks and the school will receive 10 basketballs so that our teams can practise their skills at school. A very big thank you to Kelly Halliwell and Mr Campbell who have worked very hard to ensure we have had strong representation in the competition. Thank you also to the parents who showed up on the afternoon and supported the students and teams. Unfortunately, our teams have reached their maximum player limit, but if you would like your child put on a waiting list in the event of spots opening up, please see Mr Campbell.

Julian Growcott
Acting Principal

KidsMatter

Growing Great Kids

Our 'Growing Great Kids' program began last Friday with many enthusiastic participants committing to the six week program to make their own kids even greater. We talk to our students about the importance of being lifelong learners so it is wonderful to see adults modelling this by joining in the program to learn and build solutions together. Several places are still available for participants to join in for the remaining five sessions. After this Friday the session will be closed to new participants.

We have another Anglicare Program, 'Dads Do Matter', booked for Tuesday evenings in July and August, 6:00pm – 8:30pm. Please see Shelby at the Office if you would like the dates. Further information will follow during Term 2.

Neighbourhood House

Thank you to all the enthusiastic helpers who joined our Neighbourhood House Team to plan future events. It was great to see the Parents & Friends and the Events teams join together with Neighbourhood House to make Rosewood Downs a Positive School Community and a place where everyone is valued.

TERM 1 Events

Nude Food Day – Friday 15th March

Nude Food Day for all students. We are hoping this day will become the preferred practice, EVERYDAY, at Rosewood Downs. In Term 2 the Green Team will be presenting a Neighbourhood House session 'Nude Food WAGOLLS' (WAGOLL - What a good one looks like). We are hoping lots of our families will join us at the Term 2 event where our own students will share their own delicious Nude Food snack and lunch ideas.

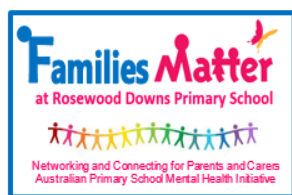
Neighbourhood House Sausage Sizzle – Friday 22nd March

Neighbourhood House will join the Parents & Friends team to 'Sizzle Sausages' for our students at the Cross Country/Fun Run event.

Neighbourhood House Cupcake – 5th April

A fun and free Cup Cake Decorating session for all our students to celebrate the end of Term 1.

KidsMatter Action Team



Caught You Being Kind

Eliana Dunstan (Prep H) and Alonzo Sutianto (5/6F) was 'Caught Being Kind'. Well done, Eliana and Alonzo!

Music Awards

1R	Jed Fallah	2C	Aaliyah Mahboub	3T	Cedra Tabit
5T	Ruby Fitzgerald				
PH	Darcie Alveyn	1PT	Zoe Casequin	2W	Milan Milkovic
4W	Andrea Ivezic	6PB	Lincoln Leighton		

Anita Chan

Music Coordinator

Artist of the Week

PH	Angelina Zakhary	PH	Ko Morimoto	1R	Clair Ser
1PT	Emily Villinger	2W	Jake Terzic	3/4F	Luke Tokanovic
5T	Charli Paterson	6PB	Andy Kalaitzis		

Lindsay Campbell

Art Co-Ordinator

Sports Awards

PS	Aleesa Boby	1PT	Arya Mehra	2W	Merin Anchani
4W	Kai Edwards	6PB	Deanna Sourtzis		
PH	Darcie Alveyn	1R	Elena Trakilovic	2C	Noah Tabit
4W	Ali Mahboub	5T	Chanel Jongue		

Lindsay Campbell

Sport Coordinator

Sport News

Greater Dandenong Division Swimming Trials – Friday 8th 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:

9/10 year olds

Andrea Ivezić	50m Freestyle and Breaststroke	Mixed 4x50m Freestyle Relay (11yo)
Hadden Marsh	50m Freestyle and Breaststroke	Mixed 4x50m Freestyle Relay (11yo)
Jack Sheedy	50m Breaststroke and Butterfly	Mixed 4x50m Freestyle Relay (11yo)

11 year olds

Cade Marsh	50m Backstroke and Butterfly	Mixed 4x50m Freestyle Relay (12yo)
Anthony Diacoyannis	50m Freestyle and Breaststroke	Mixed 4x50m Freestyle Relay (11yo)
Maria Milkovic	50m Freestyle and Breaststroke	
Aleisha Zhou	50m Backstroke	

12 year olds

Calin Searle	50m Freestyle	Mixed 4x50m Freestyle Relay (12yo)
Teo Miljanic	50m Backstroke and Breaststroke	Mixed 4x50m Freestyle Relay (12yo)
Lanny Duan	50m Freestyle and Breaststroke	Mixed 4x50m Freestyle Relay (12yo)

Open Age

Girls 4x50m Medley Relay:	Mixed 4x50m Medley Relay:
Maria (Backstroke)	Teo (Backstroke)
Andrea (Breaststroke)	Anthony (Breaststroke)
Lanny (Butterfly)	Cade (Butterfly)
Aleisha (Freestyle)	Calin (Freestyle)

Unit B District Gala Sports Day 1 – Friday 29th March

We are all looking forward to our first Gala Sports Day for the year. The Unit B students will be competing in four sports against students from the 10 other schools in our District.

The venues for the Gala Sports Day this Friday are:

AFL, Netball and T-Ball	Greaves Reserve (Bennet St, Dandenong)
Basketball	Dandenong Basketball Stadium (270 Stud Rd, Dandenong)

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

Permission forms will be sent out via Compass soon. 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.

Lindsay Campbell
Sport Coordinator

School Events

House Cross Country and Fun Run at Tirhatuan Park (Kriegel Way) - Friday 22nd March

This is a free school event that 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 and their House Teams. Parent helpers are needed to make this event run smoothly, so please see Mr Campbell if you are able to assist.

Save the Date – Hat Parade – Friday 5th April

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. The theme will be decided on soon and we will start to advertise the event so all children can start to create their hats. There will be prizes awarded in every class for the most imaginative hats made.

We are also collecting donations of Easter chocolates and treats for our raffle. We will be putting several hampers together. If you are able to contribute, please drop them into the office. Tickets will be on sale soon so all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
JSC

The Green Team

Last Friday 1st March, our school took part in the nationwide Schools Clean Up Day. This event is always a great way to inspire our students to learn about the impact of rubbish on our local environment.

On that day, both students and teachers worked together to clean up an allocated area within our school yard. Students brought kitchen tongs and gardening gloves to collect rubbish with and instead of disposable plastic bags, they used small buckets to place any waste in. We were overjoyed to see very little rubbish around. Children learnt about the impacts of waste, and how important it is to respect and appreciate our natural environment.



While it was great participating to this special event, the Green Team would like to remind students and families that every day is a good day to pick up any rubbish we may find and dispose of it sensibly.

On behalf of the Green Team, Thank you.

Jo Ford and Mary Chan
Green Team Co-Ordinators



Parents' & Friends' Association

The PFA will be hosting our second meeting on MONDAY 25th March 2019 in the community space in the hall foyer at 9:15am. We will be discussing our Mother's Day stall preparations as well as the BBQ sausage sizzle we will be holding during the school cross country. If you would like to help out please come along to the meeting if you can or leave your name with Shelby at the front office. I would also like to shout out a big thank you to Isabelle Weir and Janis Lyons for their awesome help in running our special icy pole days. The more parents who want to get involved and come along to meetings means the more fun and cool activities we can offer the students.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Allison Esmonde
PFA President



School Banking

Hi everyone, I would just like to let you know that we have a new School Banking Coordinator - Rachel Cunningham. Rachel has volunteered for many years and has kindly agreed to take over the role of school banking coordinator for this year. A huge thank you to Rachel for taking on this role and helping run the school banking program.

Now that the preps are at school, on a Wednesday, it would be wonderful if we could get some new bankers to join the program. A flier was sent home a couple of weeks ago and I'm hoping a few of you have signed up to this program. The kids love to receive the rewards, which they can order after they have made 10 deposits into their account. If you have any questions please refer to the office or to Rachel.

Please remember banking is every Wednesday morning.

Happy Banking!

Michelle Marsh
School Banking Co-Ordinator

Unit News

Unit A

It has been an eventful two weeks in Unit A. The Prep students have been very enthusiastic about taking home their readers and reader bags. Please encourage your child to read these readers with you and take good care of them. We are focussing on instilling the value of taking responsibility for our things may it be at school or at home. Each week we complete a number of "Me posters" where peers ask each other questions to get to know each other better. The Prep students have particularly enjoyed this activity. It is always great to get to know each other better. It is pleasant to see the Preps gaining more confidence in speaking in front of a crowd.

Prep students will soon be starting to attend school for a full week, although they might seem tired it is exciting to have them taking the next step into their school career.

Just a reminder to arrive at assembly on time, as this is where awards and presentations are made and the Prep students feel sad if they miss out.

In the Art room the Prep students get very messy and creative, to protect their clothing please send along an Art Smock.

Grade 1R have enjoyed learning about indigenous Australians this term. They have particularly liked learning about their Dreamtime stories and the many places they believe to be special. During the second half of the term, the Grade 1s will have a science focus and will be learning about the four seasons.

Mrs Rumney is hoping more tissue boxes will be donated to her classroom. There have only been a few donated so far and she is hoping to be well stocked before cold and flu season hits! Mrs Rumney would also love parent helpers to come into the classroom to hear children read each morning, with the exception on Thursday mornings as 1R have Art and Music lessons first thing. If you are available, can you please see her briefly after school to organise a time that suits.

The Prep teachers will be asking for parent helpers once we feel the children are well settled and working independently.

We wish everyone a fabulous fortnight,

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

Unit B

Thank you to families who have returned the 'Camp Expression of Interest' form. If you have not done so yet, please let us know if your child is or is not attending CYC City Camp. We would love to see all students from Unit B attend. Next week, notices for Camp will be distributed including costs and activities. All payments will need to be paid in full by Wednesday 3rd April.

Another big thank you to those who have contributed to our tissue box collection. Unfortunately we did not receive as many tissue boxes as hoped; so please, if you could send your child to school with 1 tissue box it would be greatly appreciated by all, especially heading into the colder months.

Look out for some upcoming Unit B events such as our first Gala Day which will be held on 29th March. We look forward to seeing all students participating with great sportsmanship.

Secondary schools are currently hosting open days. We encourage that you book in a tour for any secondary schools that may be of interest to your family.

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

Unit C

Unit C is getting busier and busier as the weeks go by. Who can believe that we are already in week 6?!

Last week, Unit C launched the first of what will be many Friday Maths and STEM rotations. Across the unit, students worked in small teams to solve different challenges involving measurement, number facts and multiplication to name just a few. From the feedback received, it would seem these rotations will be a favourite for students.

The students are all very excited to begin building their dinosaur theme parks. We ask that all students in the unit bring to class some recyclable materials, such as cardboard boxes, egg cartons and plastic tubs to help construct their parks by Wednesday 13th March. We kindly ask that students not bring toilet rolls.

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

**Unit D**

The children in Unit D have had another busy fortnight.

The Grade Twos are learning about the local area and have been exploring our school using sources such as plans and aerial photographs to identify features. They have also spotted and discussed changes between what they can see on the photos and plans and what they actually saw as they walked around the school. They have talked about why change happens and if it is always good.

Please could we remind you that the Grade Two expression of Interest slips regarding Grade Two camp need to be returned by Friday? Please can you make sure that you circle either will or will not be attending the camp, as we have had to return many slips as nothing has been circled.

The Grade Ones continue to study Australia and have been studying Aboriginal Dreamtime stories, and have produced artwork in an aboriginal style.

This week's values are Honesty and Trustworthiness and all children in the unit have shared stories and discussed what this means and why they are important. It is great to have 1R join us for Unit D Assembly on a Friday when achievements are celebrated and an award is given to a student in each grade for displaying the value of the week.

Please don't forget that Friday is a Curriculum Day, so no school for children. The positive Parenting Program by Anglicare will still go ahead for those involved with that. And of course Monday is a long weekend. Have a lovely time everyone and we look forward to hearing about your long weekend adventures when the children return to school on Tuesday.

Unit D Team,

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

**NUDE FOOD DAY AT ROSEWOOD DOWNS PRIMARY SCHOOL ON
FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2019**

Pack waste free food!

Did you know that up to 50% of items in school/preschool bins come from food and drink packaging is brought from home?

Pack

- Snacks in reusable containers
- Drinks in a reusable bottle
- Reusable utensils when needed
- A reusable lunchbox or back-pack

Avoid

- Lunches packed in plastic bags, cling film or foil
- Disposable drink boxes, cans, cartons and bottles
- Disposable forks and spoons
- Pre-packaged lunches or single serve items

PACK A WASTE-FREE LUNCH ON THAT DAY!