

NEWSLETTER

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SICKBAY LINEN

(3:30pm) **Friday 22nd March** **Michelle Marsh**
 (3:30pm) **Friday 29th March** **Danijela Cetkovic**

DIARY DATES

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

Badge Presentation

Congratulations to the members of our Junior School Council, Green Team and Garden Gurus who were presented with their leaders badges at assembly on Monday. Both the Junior School Councillors and Environmental Team play a very important role and make a valuable contribution to our school on behalf of all our students. The Junior School Council help to lead fundraising initiatives encouraging us all to show empathy to support those in times of need, and our Green Team work hard to beautify and maintain our school and help to ensure that we are working towards more sustainable and environmentally friendly practices. We look forward to watching them grow as school leaders throughout the year.



Cross Country Run and BBQ Lunch

Tomorrow sees our annual cross country run and fun run taking place at Tirhatuan Park. Our senior grades head down straight after assembly for their events and the Prep – 2 students will head down just before recess. The weather forecast looks really promising and we really hope that we have lots of parents and families coming along to support all the students as they give their best in their respective races. As a major house points event, we encourage students to attend in their house team t-shirts and we will have house merchandise on sale prior to the event. We will also be operating a BBQ during the event, with students able to buy a sausage and/or drink after their races. Parents and family members are also welcome to buy food or drink on the day. Thank you very much to Mr Campbell who has worked really hard to organise this important sporting event for the school.

End of Term Hat Parade

Unbelievably, the school term finishes in just over two weeks. We have a long-standing tradition of holding a hat parade at our final assembly on the last day of term. This year, the theme for our hat parade is 'Mad about Music'. We always have some fabulous creations on display during the hat parade and we look forward to seeing lots of creative and imaginative hats highlighting their interpretation of this year's theme. We invite all families to attend this fun and amusing event which also doubles as a fundraiser for the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal.

Julian Growcott
Acting Principal

KidsMatter**Nude Food Day**

Thank you to our Rosewood Downs Community for helping to reduce the waste that ends into landfill. It was great to see fruit, snacks and lunch being packed into reusable containers. We hope every day is a 'Nude Food' day at Rosewood Downs. Our Green Team is planning our Term 2 'Nude Food' event where our 'Nude Food' experts will showcase their 'Nude Food' snack and lunch ideas at a Neighbourhood House event on Friday 21st June.

Sausage Sizzle – Friday 22nd March

Neighbourhood House will be joining Parents and Friends to help cook sausages at our Cross Country/Fun Run event tomorrow. We welcome you to come along, help out and make this a fun community event for all.

Neighbourhood House Cupcake Decorating – Friday 5th April

Please join in the fun and help out as each grade visits the Hall kitchen to decorate their own cup cake. Further details on the flier at the end of this Newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE:**Parenting Anxious Children Seminar – Thursday 30th May**

The Anxiety Recovery Centre will be presenting a session to our Rosewood Downs Community to help understanding and manage our children's Anxiety.



Information on Anxiety is available on the Anxiety Recovery Centre's website at <https://www.arcvic.org.au/>. Further details on the seminar at Rosewood Downs will follow next term.

KidsMatter Action Team

Caught You Being Kind

Janith Amarasinghe (5/6F) and Thivishan Mahenthiran (Prep H) were both 'Caught Being Kind'. Well done, Janith and Thivishan!

Music Awards

PS	Themelina Rozakis	1R	Nikoletta Filippidis	3/4F	Anna Pious
5T	Jerome George				
PH	Ko Morimoto	1PT	Sarah Silk	2C	Djani Marinkovic
4W	Ash Jayasinghe	5/6F	Takoda Lyons		

Anita Chan

Music Coordinator

Artist of the Week

1PT	Luke Haack	1R	Riya Mehra	2W	Grace Dong
3/4F	Alannah Terzic	5/6F	Oliver Dimitrijevic	6PB	Deanna Sourtzis

Lindsay Campbell

Art Co-Ordinator

Sports Awards

PS	Themelina Rozakis	1R	Dane Warwarek	3/4F	Dev Walia
5/6F	Lanny Duan				

Lindsay Campbell

Sport Coordinator

Sport News

Greater Dandenong Division Swimming Trials – Friday 8th March

Well done to the ten students who represented our school at the Division Swimming trials. Thank you to the students and their parents for being available to attend the competition on our curriculum day.

9/10 year olds

Andrea Ivezic	2 nd Breaststroke	
Hadden Marsh	1 st Freestyle	1 st Breaststroke
Jack Sheedy	1 st Backstroke	1 st Butterfly

11 year olds

Cade Marsh	2 nd Backstroke	1 st Butterfly
Anthony Diacoyannis	3 rd Freestyle	3 rd Breaststroke

12 year olds

Calin Searle	1 st Freestyle	
Teo Miljanic	1 st Backstroke	
Lanny Duan	3 rd Freestyle	1 st Breaststroke
Mixed 4x50m Freestyle Relay	1 st	
Cade, Calin, Anthony and Lanny		

Open AgeGirls 4x50m Medley Relay 1st*Maria (Backstroke), Andrea (Breaststroke), Lanny (Butterfly) and Aleisha (Freestyle)*Mixed 4x50m Medley Relay 1st*Teo (Backstroke), Anthony (Breaststroke), Cade (Butterfly) and Calin (Freestyle)*

Congratulations to Cade, Calin, Anthony and Lanny who have qualified for the Southern Metropolitan Region Finals which will be held at MSAC on Thursday 28th March. Good luck!

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 2:30pm.

Permission forms have been sent out via Compass. 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

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

This Friday is our first House event for the year; the House Cross Country and Fun Run. We are looking forward to all students having a great day of races to earn points for their house team.

All families are welcome to attend to support the students. There will be a BBQ available. Students can order their sausages and drinks at the office.

Parent helpers are needed to make this event run smoothly, so please see Mr Campbell if you are able to assist. Please see the attached information notice.

Easter Raffle

The Events Committee is holding an Easter Raffle. Ticket books will be sent home this week. Each family is being asked to sell ten tickets at \$1.00 each. Please remember to write your name and phone number on the tickets.

The raffle will be drawn at our Hat Parade on Friday 5th April.

If families are able to sell more than ten tickets we would be most appreciative as this will certainly help our Events Committee objectives. Extra tickets are available at the office.

All tickets (sold and unsold) must be returned to school by Thursday 4th April.

The Events Committee would like to make up hampers for a fantastic Easter Raffle. To assist us in doing this we would be very grateful if your family could donate Easter eggs or Easter novelties that can be packaged for our baskets. All donations may be left at the office.

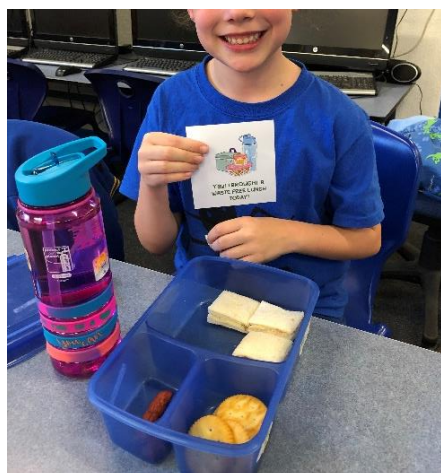
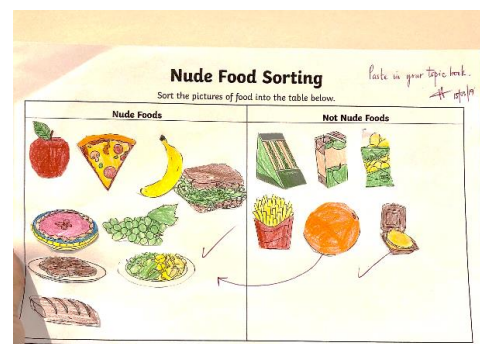
Thank you.

JSC

On the last day of Term 1, we will be holding our annual Hat Parade in support of the Royal Children's Hospital. The theme for our hat parade is 'Mad About Music', which allows for lots of different hat creations celebrating our love of music. All children are encouraged to design and make a hat of their favourite songs, bands and musicians. This year we are encouraging students to incorporate recycled items in their hats to help reduce and reuse recyclable materials. There will be prizes awarded in every class for the most imaginative hats made. Please bring a gold coin donation for the Good Friday Appeal.

The Green Team

Last Friday 15th March, our school held a Nude Food Day for our students. Students were encouraged to bring a lunch that only contained items that could be eaten, recycled or composted. This event was mainly a practise run for a bigger event that we have planned in Term 2 in collaboration with the Neighbourhood House. Students participated in nude food activities in their classrooms and were given a small certificate of participation.



The Waste-Free Lunch Day was one of our school's sustainability initiatives which is about reducing the waste of throw-away packaging and help stop litter in our water ways and polluting our school environment. By participating, our students and their families share a better understanding of how we can take action to reduce our waste.

Thank you for helping us create a cleaner, greener school!

On behalf of the Green Team, Thank you.

Jo Ford and Mary Chan
Green Team Co-Ordinators



Library

Book Club

A reminder that Book Club orders and money are due back Friday 22nd March. Please remember to put students name and grade on the order form.

Mary Thompson
Librarian

Parents' & Friends' Association



Hi everyone! So Friday is the BIG school cross country and fun run as well as a yummy BBQ. The PFA will be cooking down at the park and chilling down the juice boxes so they will be all ready for after the kids have worked up their appetites running and having a ball. We would love to see lots and lots of family members come down to the park to show their support for the students and they can also buy a sausage. Wear your house colours and come down for some good old-skool fashion fun.

The PFA will have their next meeting on MONDAY 1st April at 9:15am in the hall foyer where we will finalise the Mother's Day stall preparations and get planning on some fun social events that the parents can enjoy. Maybe we can go bowling, wine tasting or even if we all pitch in a trivia night....TBC. Come along and join us for coffee and some cake and biscuits.



Look forward to seeing you there.

Allison Esmonde
PFA President

School Banking

Hi everyone, please remember that if you bank every week there are some awesome prizes up for grabs.

School banking is run every Wednesday morning, by parent helpers in the Staffroom. If you are available to help, please contact Rachel Cunningham or Shelby at the office.

Rachel Cunningham
School Banking Co-Ordinator

Unit News

Unit A

It has been another busy fortnight in Unit A!

All the children are very excited about the upcoming Fun Run at Tirhatuan Park on Friday. Our students will have an early snack before heading down for a 11:15am start. They are also looking forward to the sausage sizzle when they finish their race! Please make sure all money is returned to the school before Friday morning as it would be much easier for our students not to worry about handling money once at the park. Students also need to remember to have sunscreen applied before coming to school and to bring along a drink bottle filled with water. Students will also take down their hat and bag with their lunch if they are not having a sausage. To ensure all belongings make it back, it is important that everything is clearly named. We look forward to a great day!

Prep families are kindly reminded to return their School Nurse forms as soon as possible. They were given out last week in a large envelope.

Grade 1 students are very excited to begin their new science topic, Seasons. We are learning about the different changes that occur throughout the four seasons.

Mrs Rumney would also like to thank the parents who have come in and started reading with the Grade 1 students. It's great that we have so many enthusiastic volunteers!

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

Unit B

Unit B have sports fever! We are very excited about the upcoming Cross Country and Gala Day events.

Cross Country: Please make sure that students have packed a drink bottle, sunscreen, school hat, healthy snacks and money for the delicious sausage sizzle. Students may also want to bring a small towel or rug to sit on.

Gala Day: Next week is our first Sports Gala Day of 2019. The Grade 5 and 6 students have been training all term in their chosen sport of either Basketball, AFL, Netball or T-ball. Make sure your permission form comes back to your teacher. We're sure all students will represent Rosewood Downs excellently. A very big thank you to Mr Campbell for all his help in preparing Unit B for this event.

Congratulations to all Unit B students who chose to bring in 'nude food' last week. Our school yard is looking much cleaner with less food packaging being blown around. Small changes to our daily habits, like minimising the amount of packaging we use on food, all contribute to helping our environment. Well Done!

Keep an eye out for medical forms for Unit B Camp, these will need to be completed as soon as possible so we can pass on any important details to the camp facilitators at CYC. City Camp will be an action packed 3 days and the students will have the opportunity to participate in a real urban adventure; navigating public transport and visiting some of the best attractions our wonderful city has to offer. A reminder that full payment for camp is due by the end of this term, please feel free to speak to Mr Growcott or Mrs Carothers in the office if you would like to make alternate payment arrangements.

This past Thursday (21st) was Harmony Day and Unit B have had discussions about the importance of respect and tolerance towards everyone, regardless of race, culture or religion. As part of our history unit on Australian Migration, Unit B students have explored peak migration points in Australia's history and how fortunate Australia is to have such diversity which allows our society to be enriched with the experiences and knowledge of all those who choose to call Australia their home.

We would like to thank all Unit B students and their families for their hard work so far. Let's keep up the enthusiasm through the last few busy weeks.

Unit B Team,

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

Unit C

Unit C have been very busy adding the final touches to their dinosaur theme parks. Teachers have enjoyed watching the students work well together in groups to complete their STEM challenge. We hope to have their creations on display in the coming week.

This Friday Unit C students will be participating in the Rosewood Downs House Cross Country at Kriegel Way. Please encourage your child to wear their house colours and runners. As the weather will be warm students should also pack a drink bottle.

Unit C students are very excited about the upcoming camp to Phillip Island in Term 2. This week your child would have received their camp forms. Permission forms are due back next Wednesday the **27th March**. All payments are due back on Wednesday the **1st May**. Camp medical forms should be returned ASAP.

Unit C Team,

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



Unit D

Dear Unit D families,

It is hard to believe that we are already into our eighth week of school and holidays are not too far away now. For the past weeks all students have been enjoying the school life and have happily engaged with their peers and teachers, with lots of exciting learning happening.

Grade One students have now completed their unit of work on 'My Australia' and are currently starting their new Science topic on Seasons where they will discuss, make prediction and investigate observable changes in the sky and landscape.

As for the Grade Twos, they are now starting their end of term ThinkPlus project on presentation of neurons and how they connect. Working as small groups, the students are investigating the structure of a neuron and how it fires and wires within the brain. They are also thinking of a variety of ways to build their neurons using collage, playdough, paper sculpture or mixed media.

Amongst other exciting news, Mrs Kropf is presently working on an amazing display in our unit that should inspire all our Unit D students to become star writers! We'll post pictures in the next newsletter!

We would like to thank all the parents who have kindly volunteered their time to come and read to our students. A schedule will come out shortly. We would particularly like to thank Mrs Colleen Cox for her dedication to our school and for reading to our students every week. She has done so for many years and continues to assist the teachers every week without fail.

Last but not least, gentle reminder for all families to return the Fun Run BBQ slip with any money before Friday 22nd March.

Have a lovely week!

Unit D Team,

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

Rosewood Downs Primary School



**We invite all students
and their families to
join us at our annual**



Hat Parade MAD ABOUT MUSIC



**Friday 5th April, 2019
9.30 - 10.45am in the
school hall**



**Gold coin donation in
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Rosewood Downs Primary School



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Connecting our Community

Fun Cup Cake Decorating Event For Students & Parents

We welcome you to join in the fun on the last day of Term 1.

All grades will visit the Hall kitchen for each student to decorate their own cup cake. Decorating will begin at 11:30am, after our annual Hat Parade.

Setting up will begin in the Hall kitchen from 9:15am during our Hat Parade, you are welcome to join us at any time.

Please help us create a positive School Community for all!



Friday 5th April 2019

11:30am to 1:00pm

TODDLERS WELCOME



Rosewood Downs Primary School

Cross Country and Fun Run

FREE EVENT

When: Friday 22nd March, 2019

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 responsible for their own belongings and must ensure that any rubbish they have is put in the bins provided.

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



10:00	12/13 year olds	Boys and Girls
10:20	11 year olds	Boys and Girls
10:40	9/10 year olds	Boys and 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 (800m). They will leave for Kriegel Way before morning recess, so they will eat their snack early. The older students will stay to support and assist the younger students.

There will be a special BBQ lunch available for students to order and families attending are welcome to purchase on the day. Sausages are \$2.50 and drink boxes will be \$1. Please fill in the order form and make your payments at the office.



11:15	Grade 2	Boys and Girls
11:30	Grade 1	Boys and Girls
11:45	Prep	Boys and Girls



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

Lindsay Campbell
PE Coordinator

Julian Growcott
Acting Principal