

NEWSLETTER

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SICKBAY LINEN

(3:30pm) **Friday 3rd May** Allison Esmonde (3:30pm) **Friday 10th May** Isabelle Weir

DIARY DATES

(8:00am) Friday 3rd May NAPLAN Breakfast Club (8:00am) Monday 6th May NAPLAN Breakfast Club

Monday 6th May Mother's Day Stall – STUDENTS ONLY

(8:00am) Tuesday 7th May NAPLAN Breakfast Club

(8:30am – 9:00am) Tuesday 7th May Mother's Day Stall – STUDENTS + FAMILIES

(9:00am) Wednesday 8th May City Camp – UNIT B

(9:00am) Wednesday 8th May CYC Camp Phillip Island – UNIT C

(9:15am) Wednesday 8th May Playdoh for the Preps - DNH

(2:45pm) Friday 10th May Mother's Day Celebration

Monday 13th May Special Events Committee Meeting

Tuesday 14th May NAPLAN Language Conventions – YEAR 3 + 5

Wednesday 15th May NAPLAN Reading – YEAR 3 + 5

Wednesday 15th May Baking + Cake Stall

Thursday 16th May NAPLAN Numeracy – YEAR 3 + 5

Friday 17th May School Photos Friday 17th May Baking + Cake Stall Saturday 18th May Federal Election BBQ



After a very short week one of term, I would like to welcome everyone back to our first full week of school for Term Two. I hope that you enjoyed the break and made the most of the sunny autumn weather. We have a very busy term ahead with many exciting events and activities on the calendar. All our events are kept up to date on our Compass calendar and we communicate regularly via the Compass platform. Please make sure that we have your current details, especially a correct email address, so that you can keep informed of all the school happenings. If you use the Compass app, please make sure that you allow push notifications or alternatively check your emails regularly to keep up to date with school events.



COMPASS School Manager

NAPLAN Breakfast Club

We held the first two sessions of our NAPLAN Breakfast Club on Wednesday and Thursday this week. We were very pleased to see lots of Grade 3 and 5 students turn up at 8am to work with Mrs Lucas and myself on some practice activities in the lead up to NAPLAN testing in Week 4 of term. NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) is a range of five literacy and numeracy tests that are conducted Australia-wide for all students in Grades 3, 5, 7 and 9. Our Breakfast Club sessions help

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students to become familiar with the testing format and hopefully helps to ease the anxiety that some children experience when participating in formal testing situations. We have three more sessions on Friday 3rd, Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th and we invite all Grade 3 and 5 students to participate in any of these sessions if they would like to join in.

SPEAK EASY with Marcelle Bernard

Our Grade 3-6 students were very lucky to participate in an incursion on Wednesday featuring Marcelle Bernard who delivered a very engaging and enjoyable presentation on building confidence for public speaking. Marcelle spoke to the students about the tools, rules and weapons of confident communication. Our students enjoyed a lively and interactive session and left inspired and excited, with skills that they can use immediately in school, in later study and both socially and professionally throughout their lives. She taught our kids that with practise, we can overcome nerves, gain a positive attitude and become more confident. We hope to see the benefits of Marcelle's



presentation when our students are given public speaking opportunities at our assemblies and within their classrooms.

Unit B and C camps

Many of our students in Units B and C are getting very excited about our school camps which are taking place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week. Our Grade 5/6 students are heading in to the city for two nights and three days of urban experiences whilst our Grade 3/4 students are heading a little further afield to enjoy many adventures and activities at Phillip Island. I'm confident all of our campers will enjoy their time away and I would like to thank all our Unit B and C teachers who have done a huge amount of work to ensure that your children are given the best camp experience possible.

Mother's Day Activities

On Monday, our PFA will be running a Mother's Day stall for students to purchase Mother's Day presents. There are a wide range of gifts available, so please send your child to school with some money on Monday if you would like them to purchase a gift for a special lady in their life. Please see the price list attached to get an idea of the gifts on offer and prices.

We also have a very special Mother's Day performance taking place on the afternoon of Friday 10th May at 2:45pm. All our Prep – Grade 2 grades will be performing musical items during a mini concert in the hall starting at 2:45pm. We invite mums, aunties, grandmas and any other significant ladies in your child's life to attend this event. Mrs Chan does a fantastic job of preparing this concert and our junior school students always appreciate having a big crowd to perform their items for. We think it is a great way to celebrate and recognise the role of all the women in our community in helping to raise the wonderful children that attend Rosewood Downs. We look forward to seeing lots of ladies at this event.

Lunch Orders

A reminder that the school provides a lunch order service for students. Lunchiez online lunch orders are available on Monday and Wednesday and Subway orders are available on a Friday. To place an order for Lunchiez go to https://lunchiez.com.au/ and make sure you place your order before 9:00pm the night before. There are a range of delicious and nutritious hot and cold meals available. Subway orders can be placed using the Subway envelopes available at school and envelopes and payment need to be returned to school by Wednesday.

Julian Growcott Principal

KidsMatter

Parenting Anxious Children

On Thursday 30th May we are hosting an information session to help understand and manage Anxiety in children. The session will be presented by The Anxiety Recovery Centre. Further details at the end of this Newsletter. Places are limited so please secure your place by booking with Shelby at the office.

Information on Anxiety is available on the Anxiety Recovery Centre's website at https://www.arcvic.org.au/.

Neighbourhood House

Thank you to the enthusiastic team who helped plan our Term 2 Neighbourhood House events. We welcome anyone from our Rosewood Downs Community to join us at Neighbourhood House events. Your support is always greatly appreciated and the children love having a special family member helping out at school.

Our first event is next Wednesday 8th May at 9:15am. We are looking forward to helpers joining us to make playdoh for the Preps. Further information on this event is attached at the end of this Newsletter.



Term 2 Events

Wednesday 8th May Playdoh for Preps 15th May Wednesday Baking and Cake Stall (1) 17th May Friday Baking and Cake Stall (2) 31st May Friday **CFA Fire Safety** 12th June Wednesday Arabic Cultural Lunch Wednesday 19th June Nude Food Day



KidsMatter Action Team





Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who won this award for showing respect:

Unit A Rubina Akbari
Unit B Leen Marji
Unit C Lana Debski
Unit D Maddie Hanson

Caught You Being Kind

Austin Tran (5/6F) was 'Caught Being Kind'. Well done, Austin!

Music Awards

No music awards this week.

Anita Chan
Music Coordinator

Artist of the Week

3T Kannan Vasavan 3/4F Katarina Nedic 5/6F Jovan Milanovic

5/6F Taylor Bonica

Lindsay Campbell Art Co-Ordinator

Sports Awards

The Sports awards will return next week.

Lindsay Campbell Sport Coordinator

Sport News

<u>Division Tennis – Monday 29th April</u>

Well done to Anthony Diacoyannis, Damian Milic, Teo Miljanic and Aleisha Zhou who represented our school at the Division Tennis Competition. After the wet weather postponed play on Friday our team was able to return and compete on Monday. They played in a singles knock-out competition against students from the Greater Dandenong Division. Thank you to their families and Mr Growcott for taking them to the competition.

<u>District Cross Country - Friday 24th May</u>

The students who finished in the top 8 spots in our school Cross Country event in each race automatically qualified for the school team. They will be competing on Friday 24th May at the new venue of Wachter Reserve in Keysborough against students from the ten other schools in our District. Parents are welcome to come and support our team and hopefully we can continue our success at this level of competition. Please see Compass for the information and payment details.

Congratulations to the following students for being selected in the school team;

9/10 year old Boys	11 year old Boys	12/13 year old Boys
Hadden Marsh	Cade Marsh	Yianni Rozakis
Zachary Boersch Quadara	Anthony Diacoyannis	Janith Amarasimghe
Mikailo Trakilovic	Hayden Cashman	Teo Miljanic
Aref Abdoul Hak	Jovan Milanovic	Judd Esmonde
Liam Farrier	Vlatko Ristevski	Takoda Lyons
Rylan Edwards	Jerome George	Lincoln Leighton
Kai Edwards	Murtazah Niazi	Calin Searle
Leo Bou Karroum	Regan Skinner	Yusuf Dalati

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9/10 year old Girls	11 year old Girls	12/13 year old Girls
Ruby Kendall	Zipporah Ioane	Lanny Duan
Lillie Esmonde	Maria Milkovic	Lily Black
Emonefe Arhuere	Aleisha Zhou	Mia Souleiman
Margita Putnikovic	Charli Paterson	Isidora Pantelic
Theodora Rozakis	Tess Simon	Cindy Zhu
Kelly Beal	Fatima Kobeissi	Amrita Kaur
Katarina Nedic	Tazmeen Khan	Maya Najjar
Andrea Ivezic	Sofia Dimopoulos	Anabella Ros

PMP - Every Monday afternoon in the Dance Studio

During their important first year at school, all Prep students will participate in a Perceptual Motor Program, known as PMP. This program aims to give students experiences in seeing, touching and hearing through carefully sequenced activities such as hopping, climbing, balancing, crawling, throwing, catching, sliding etc.

PMP started on Monday 30th April. All students are to wear shower caps during their session to prevent the transmission of head lice. If you have not already done so, please send along a named shower cap to be kept at school.

Thank you so much to the parents who have volunteered their time to assist with the program. We are still in need of more volunteers to enable the program to run smoothly each week, so please come along to see how the sessions run. Sessions are from 2:30pm - 3:30pm each Monday afternoon in the Dance Studio.

VPS Basketball Holiday Clinic

Our VPS basketball teams were very lucky to have the opportunity during the school holidays to participate in a skills clinic run by senior players Lucas Barker, captain of Dandenong Rangers Men's team, and Tyler Robertson, player for Dandenong Rangers and Australia. The clinics were very well run, our students had an awesome time working on their basketball skills and their behaviour was exemplary!!





Lindsay Campbell Sport Coordinator

Junior School Council News

Thank you for supporting the Good Friday Appeal this year by donating a gold coin at our annual Hat Parade. We raised \$423.00 which will support the Royal Children's Hospital.

A big thank you to everyone who bought an ANZAC day badge for the ANZAC Appeal.

Anita Chan
Junior School Council Coordinator

School Events

Hat Parade

Thank you to all of the students, staff and families for coming to our Hat Parade for 2019. It was great to see so many different hats that you created of your favourite music and musicians.

Well done to the following students who won the most creative hats in their class:

PS	Rilind Krasniqi	Mikayla Paraskevopoulos	3T	Sikander Jhajj	Areyanna Singh
PH	Eliana Dunstan	Ted Laliotis	3/4F	Charlotte Smith	Luka Tokanovic
1R	Ethan Halliwell	Kiara Midwood	4W	Aref Abdoul Hak	Lillie Esmonde
1PT	Zoe Casequin	Sarah Silk	5T	Oliver Dimitrijevic	Alexi Ioannou
2C	Mingqi Duan	Aaliyah Mahboub	5/6F	Janith Amarasinghe	Sofia Dimopoulos
2W	Luka Babalj	Achello Perera	6PB	Judd Esmonde	Zipporah Ioane

Every year we are able to support the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Over 45,000 children were admitted to The Royal Children's Hospital last year and over 90,000 children were treated in emergency. That's in addition to the 255,000 children treated at the hospital's specialist clinics. All children deserve nothing less than the lifesaving care and ground breaking research taking place at The Royal Children's Hospital. Your support helps the hospital deliver the best possible care to patients and their families.

Thank you for bringing in your donations. We collected a total of \$423. Remember you can still make donations online: https://donate.goodfridayappeal.com.au/donate

On behalf of the Junior School Council, thank you.

Special Events Committee

Thank you to the families who donated items for the Easter hampers and to everyone who purchased tickets for the raffle.

We will be holding our next meeting on Monday 13th May at 9:00am in the staffroom to discuss our special events for Term 2. We welcome all parents to join us to share ideas for future fundraising efforts.

Thank you,

Lindsay Campbell Special Events Coordinator

The Green Team

We have already started Term 2 with a bang! We have seen the materialisation of one of our initiatives this year which was about starting a 'Green library'. Our Green library books will comprise of books relating to sustainability and environmental issues such as Destructive effects of climate change, Gardening for kids, Zero Waste living, DIY recyclable art, and Ecology just to mention a few. Our latest purchase has been a set of books on endangered species of animals. We are hoping to make these books available to the wider school community. We would like to thank Mrs Thompson for promptly ordering and cataloguing our first set of books. We look forward to your ongoing support this term as we do have another big event scheduled later in the term.

On behalf of the Green Team, Thank you.

Jo Ford and Mary Chan Green Team Coordinators



Woolworths Earn & Learn

We're thrilled to announce that RDPS will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program for 2019. Anyone is able to help schools earn amazing equipment by shopping at Woolworths from **Wednesday 1**st **May.**

Anyone from the community – staff, parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends - who shop at Woolworths can collect stickers for RDPS. If our community sticks together and earns Earn & Learn stickers at Woolworths, we can earn our choice of educational equipment & resources.



You can help our school by simply:

- Shopping at Woolworths you will receive one sticker for every \$10 spent between Wednesday 1st
 May and 25th June, 2019.
- Sticking the stickers on an Earn and Learn sheet (found at reception).
- Putting your filled sheet into our collection box at reception, the hall foyer or at Woolworths Waverley Gardens.

We are grateful for your support.

Mia Todisco
Woolworths Earn & Learn Coordinator

Parents' & Friends' Association

Term 2 has kicked off with a BANG! We have Mother's Day stall coming up this **Monday 6**th (students only) and **Tuesday 7**th in the morning before school for parents and students to purchase a gift for a special lady in their lives, a price list will be attached to the newsletter. Also we have the **Federal election BBQ** coming up on the **18**th **May** and we will be needing parent helpers to come along on the day to help sell sausages and drinks to all the people who come to our school to vote, this is an easy and profitable fundraiser for our school. Neighbourhood House has lots of events coming up that PFA will be involved in as well so keep your eyes on Compass for notifications. Thank you to the parents who have stepped in to help and it is shaping up to be a very fun term of school for everyone.

Allison Esmonde PFA President

Unit News

Unit A

It is great to have all the students back after the first school holidays! The children enjoyed sharing their wonderful experiences with their teachers and the rest of their classmates.

This week the Prep students had an absolute blast at their first PMP session. These sessions take place on a Monday afternoon from 2:30pm – 3:30pm. Thank you to all our parent helpers for your assistance in making these sessions run smoothly. We are aware that winter is creeping up on us slowly but surely and ask that all girls don't wear tights on a Monday as they take their shoes and socks off and have to be barefoot for these sessions. There are a number of students that are still needing a shower cap to be worn, this reduces the risk of nits.

The Prep students will commence Show and Tell this term. The children will be allocated a day where they may bring one item of interest to show to the class. Please assist your child in selecting something of interest.

A notice has gone home this week requesting any parent helpers that can come into Unit A and listen to our students read. Any help will be much appreciated.

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The Grade 1 students will again have two topic focuses, Geography and Science, this term. Students will be learning about different features of natural and manmade landscapes. In the second half of the term students will explore light and sound.

Grade 1 students will attend camp this term. There will be more information regarding the structure and activities planned and a notice will be sent home shortly.

The Mother's Day stall will be running on Monday and Tuesday. The children love to purchase a gift from the stall. Please ensure their money is brought to school in a named purse or envelope.

Have a fabulous fortnight!

Unit A Team,

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

Unit B

Welcome back Unit B families! We hope you have had a safe and happy holiday break and are ready for an exciting term.

The staff and students of Unit B have jumped straight into this very busy term. Last week, all the Grade five and six students went to Lyndale Secondary College for an Open Day. The students were able to experience a variety of secondary style classes from different subjects such as English, Music, Food Technology and Science. A very big thank you to Lyndale Secondary College for hosting us for the day.

This week has been full of great opportunities. Firstly, we would like to welcome our two student teachers from Monash University studying their Masters of Education. Rachel and Helena will be in Grade 5/6F and 6PB, respectively, for 3 weeks while they complete their placement. The students were also able to participate in the workshop "SpeakEasy" run by Marcelle Bernard. Marcelle provided a highly engaging incursion about public speaking. The information that Marcelle provided the students is particularly useful for Unit B as the grade six students will have their musical performance and the grade five students will have to do speeches for leadership positions next year.

Next week is our exciting City Camp. Please make sure that students are packed using a small case (preferably with wheels) as students will have to carry their luggage as we travel to and from the camp. While the weather does appear to be in our favour, we encourage students to pack a waterproof coat as we will be walking around the city regardless of the weather. If your child needs to bring medication with them on camp, please ensure that it comes in it's original packaging with instructions. If possible, please bring any medication (labelled with the student's name) to Miss Bell before Wednesday 8th.

Following our camp will be NAPLAN. Mr Growcott and Ms Lucas have generously been giving up their mornings to host NAPLAN Breakfast Club. As part of our ThinkPlus philosophy, we believe that repeated practice builds more confidence and understanding, and by exposing students to NAPLAN style questions, they will be more comfortable and familiar with this unique format. Any students in grade three or five are welcome to come to Unit B in the mornings for a fruit snack and some practice.

A gentle reminder that we do have some more excursions and special events coming up after NAPLAN week. Details (including payment and permission forms) for all these events will be on Compass in an effort to be more environmentally friendly by reducing our paper usage. It is important to check Compass regularly to stay up to date with what is happening.

If you have any questions regarding any of our upcoming events, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

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

Unit C

What an exciting term is ahead of us! Over the weeks to come, the students will study world explorers to identify and explain the causes and effects of European settlement and exploration. The students will also investigate how everyday materials can be combined with other materials or physically changed in a variety of ways for particular purposes.

Many of the Grade 3 and 4 students are heading to Philip Island Camp for a fun-filled three days. While there, the students will participate in bike riding, crate climbing and beach exploration to name just a few activities. Thank you to all the families who finalised payment for the camp by the due date that was on **Wednesday 1**st **May**. Any outstanding payments must be finalised as soon as possible.

With Naplan week coming up in week 4 of this term, all Grade 3 and 5 students are invited to attend the Naplan Breakfast Club sessions. The 5 sessions, held from 8:00am - 8:45am from Wednesday 1st May to Tuesday 7th May, are designed to help students become more familiar and confident with the test in a relaxed environment. They are completely optional and students may attend all or as many sessions as possible but we hope to see many of our students taking advantage of these sessions.

Finally, we are hoping to start our kitchen garden program in week 5 on Wednesday afternoons between 2:30pm - 3:30pm. If you would like to volunteer to assist with this program, please contact Caitlyn Watkins.

Unit C Team,

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

Unit D

Welcome back to Term 2! It's great to have everyone back and ready to start a new term's learning. It's going to be a busy term in Unit D. I hope everyone had a great rest over the holiday and are rearing to go with a new term's learning.

We do hope that you have considered participating in this year's Premiers' Reading Challenge. It's a worthwhile experience and is very easy to meet the challenge by reading the required 25 books. You have all received your child's login details but if you have misplaced them or if there is a problem just let us know. It's not too late to start.

The Grade Ones are studying "Here, Hear and See" where they will be studying places, light and sound. The Grade Twos are working on "Push and Pull" where they will be looking at forces and how pushes and pulls affect movement.

Notices have gone home regarding Grade Two camp, however due to unforeseen circumstances Mr. Growcott is no longer able to attend the camp and therefore Mr. Campbell will be going in his place. We will resend home the transport notices.

We are going to be doing a lot of preparation work for camp in the next few weeks. It is a great experience and we are looking forward to having lots of fun at Camp Oasis. If you have any concerns, doubts or worries please come and chat to Mrs. Chan or Mrs. Woodhouse. We realise that the first overnight camp can be daunting and we want to reassure you so that you feel reassured and confident while your child is away; as well as your child feeling happy and secure.

Grade Ones are doing a different camp program this year and the teachers are planning a great experience for them. Keep your eyes peeled for further details.

Anna Krawczyk leaves Unit D this week, which is a little bit sad, but exciting for her and her family as they move to a new area and a brand new house. Good Luck!

Unit D Team,

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

Rosewood Readers, Playgroup & Musos

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

Rosewood Playgroup

in the Dance Studio

Rosewood Readers

in the Library

Rosewood Musos

in the Music Room

Fridays 3 - 3:30pm

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May 3 rd	Readers	
May 10 th	Mother's Day	
	Presentation - 2:45	
May 17 th	Playgroup	
May 24 th	Musos	
May 31 st	Readers	
June 7 th	Playgroup	
June 14 th	Musos	
June 21 st	Readers	







Parenting Anxious Children

Rosewood Downs Primary School Thursday 30th May, 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Does your child worry, feel anxious and seem stressed at times?

Would you like to gain a greater understanding of anxiety and learn some helpful
strategies to support your child?

Learning to cope with anxiety, stress and fear, whilst a normal part of your child's development, can be deeply challenging not only for children but also for parents and the family unit as a whole.

This information session will cover:

- · Understanding the role of anxiety and normal childhood development
- · The signs and symptoms in your children
- · Types of anxiety disorders
- What's helpful and not helpful
- Methods and strategies to support your children
- Relaxation techniques and tools, mindfulness, breathing etc.
- Where to go for more information/help

Fact sheets, practical exercises and brochures are also included.



Rosewood Downs Primary School





Connecting our Community

Making Playdoh For Our Preps

Our Preps love to play and create with Playdoh.

Home Made Playdoh is far superior and less expensive than commercially bought Playdoh.

We look forward to enthusiastic helpers joining Neighbourhood House to make Playdoh for our Preps.

Please meet in the Hall Kitchen.

Everyone welcome.





Wednesday 8th May, 2019

9:15am - 11:30am

TODDLERS WELCOME



MOTHERS DAY STALL PRICE LIST



Monday 6th May for students only.

Tuesday 7th May before school 8:30am until 9:00am for students and families.

Lunch Cooler Bag	\$6.00	Light Up Flamingo	\$4.50
Two Heart Frame	\$6.00	LED Peg Lights	\$4.50
Family Love Frame	\$6.00	Led Lamp	\$4.50
Springy Alarm Clock	\$6.00	Best Mum Plaque	\$4.00
Light Box	\$6.00	Mum Sign	\$4.00
Teddy Bear	\$6.00	Musical Rose	\$4.00
Calendar	\$6.00	Manicure Set	\$4.00
Shadow Frame Box	\$6.00	Photo Glitter Frame	\$4.00
Cooler Bag	\$6.00	Cosmetic Purse	\$4.00
Metal Drink Bottle	\$5.50	Magnetic Lady Bug	\$4.00
Light Up Fan	\$5.00	Hand Cream 110ml	\$4.00
Essentials Pack	\$5.00	A4 Message Board	\$4.00
Flamingo Mug	\$5.00	Bling Pen	\$4.00
Teddy Bear	\$5.00	Notebook	\$3.50
Grandmother Frame	\$5.00	Sequin Notebook	\$3.50
Best Mum Mug	\$5.00	Mini Glitter Lamp	\$3.50
Love You Mug	\$5.00	Light Up Pen	\$3.00
Love You Frame	\$5.00	Squishy	\$3.00
Amazing Mum Mug	\$5.00	Hand Cream 50ml	\$3.00
Amazing Mum Frame	\$5.00	Lip Gloss Teddy	\$2.00
Best Grandma Mug	\$5.00	Fridge Magnet	\$2.00
Best Grandma Frame	\$5.00	Mum Pen	\$2.00
Cards	\$1.00	Ball Point Pen	\$1.50

Please note that items are limited and some do sell out early. Send student/s to school with money in a sealed envelope with name and class written on it, students will hand money in to their class teacher for safe keeping until it is their turn to attend the stall.