



NEWSLETTER

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SICKBAY LINEN

(3:30pm) **Friday 17th May** **Michelle Marsh**

(3:30pm) **Friday 24th May** **Danijela Cetkovic**

DIARY DATES

Friday 17th May **School Photos**

Friday 17th May **Baking + Cake Stall**

Saturday 18th May **Federal Election BBQ**

(2:30pm – 7:15pm) **Wednesday 22nd May** **Grade 1 Camp Experience**

(8:55am) **Wednesday 22nd May** **Grade 2 Camp – Camp Oasis**

Friday 24th May **District Cross Country**

(6:00pm – 8:00pm) **Thursday 30th May** **Parenting Anxious Children Seminar**

Friday 7th June **Division Cross Country**

Monday 10th June **Queen's Birthday – STUDENT FREE DAY**

Tuesday 11th June **Curriculum Day – STUDENT FREE DAY**

Friday 21st June **District Gala Day 2**



Principal's Report

School Camps

Our Unit B and C students returned to school on Friday after three days and two nights of camp. Our Grade 5/6 students headed into City Camp and our Grade 3/4 students travelled down to Phillip Island. Both of these camps offer outstanding fun and highly educational learning opportunities and all of our students made the most of their time away from the formal school setting. I would like to commend our students on their exemplary behaviour whilst on camp which reflects positively on Rosewood Downs as a school, as our



students are often undertaking activities along with members of the general public. I would like to thank the teachers who put in an incredible amount of work prior to the camp to make sure that our children were given the best experiences available. School camps require large-scale organisation and coordination and the commitment and responsibility required by the staff attending cannot be under-estimated. I am grateful to our staff and volunteers who attended these camps and hope that our students and parents recognise the efforts of our staff to facilitate these special school experiences.

As if having two camps in one week was not enough, the school is backing it up again and will hold the Grade 2 camp and Grade 1 camp experience next week. I know the students are very excited about the overnight trip to Oasis in Mt Evelyn (Grade 2) and our activity afternoon and evening at school (Grade 1). Once again, I would like to thank the teachers for their work in planning and organising these activities.

Mother's Day Concert

Thank you to the many family members who attended our special Prep-2 Mother's Day concert on Friday afternoon. Mrs Chan rushed back from Unit B camp to lead each class in a performance item for a very appreciative audience. Family members were then invited back to classrooms where a special surprise awaited. We hope that all mums had a fun and relaxing Sunday and were spoilt with breakfast in bed and a gift from the school Mother's Day stall.

**School Photos**

Don't forget that tomorrow is school photo day and that standard school uniform must be worn. **No house colours this week!** Please help your child to look their spiffy best tomorrow as school photos are something that we often look back on as adults and reflect upon our time at school. Unfortunately, my old school photos reveal some terrible fashion choices and hairstyles that just can't be explained. Even though they date back over three decades, I continue to blame my mum for these fashion faux pas!

Curriculum Day

Please note that this term we have a curriculum day falling on Tuesday 11th June (the day after the Queen's Birthday public holiday) and this will be a student-free day. In previous years, we have often had the curriculum day on the Friday of the Queen's Birthday long weekend. A number of our teachers are involved in a professional development program that falls on the Friday, hence the change of curriculum day this year.

Election BBQ at School on Saturday

Saturday sees the Federal Election taking place and the Rosewood Downs hall will be once again used as a polling station. The PFA will be running a sausage sizzle and would appreciate any help from parents or family members. If you are available for an hour or two to assist, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the school if you're able to lend a hand. Thanks in advance!

Communicating with School Staff

At Rosewood Downs, we strive to provide learning programs and make decisions in the best interests of all students, based on current research and our experience in the education system. We appreciate the trust that families show in us to make decisions on your behalf in regard to your most prized possessions: your children. We understand that parents and carers choose Rosewood Downs for a range of reasons; our reputation, our community feel, our results, our students, our outstanding staff, our curriculum programs and our extra-curricular activities amongst other things. The benefit of the Government education system is that you get to choose the school that is best for your child. Once this difficult decision is finalised and a commitment is made, then it is important to place trust in the school and teachers to make ongoing decisions in the best interest of all the children in our care. We all do our best to make decisions based on the information before us, using our knowledge and experience specific to our profession, in the best interests of all, whilst being mindful of each individual child.

Sometimes, decisions are well received, sometimes they aren't particularly popular, and sometimes we have parents questioning decisions that are made. At RDPS, we invite feedback, whether positive or negative, and we are dedicated to continuous improvement. We value open communication with our families and are committed to understanding concerns and addressing them appropriately. We value and encourage open and positive relationships with our school community with the understanding that a strong home/school partnership makes a very significant difference to a child's attitude to school and academic outcomes. We try very hard to communicate with clarity and regularity with our families, and Compass has been very successful in helping to achieve this. We welcome parent communication with teachers, but insist that this communication be respectful and conducted at appropriate times and places

to ensure teachers are able to maintain their focus on their core business of teaching your child, along with all of the other children in their care.

With this in mind, I encourage you to look at three important policy documents that are included with this newsletter which help to ensure that all parent communication with the school remains constructive, productive and leads to positive outcomes. ***Teachers are generally available after school for brief, informal conversations***, but if you would like to arrange a more formal meeting, please refer to and follow the protocols and processes as outlined in the three policies. These three policies, which are attached along with the newsletter are;

- **Parent code of conduct**
- **Communicating with school staff**
- **Complaints policy**

One of our school's key priorities is to work positively together with families to support every student at Rosewood Downs to experience success. Following the guidelines set out in the policies above will help to ensure working relationships throughout the school community are trusting, affirming and effective.

We want some student feedback!

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. Students in Grades 4 to 6 will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours via the secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way 'testing' your child. Students have the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion of the survey. Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. All responses to the survey are kept anonymous in the response file. Personal identification data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times. The Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the next two weeks. The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time. The survey results will be reported back to the school once we gain access to the data.

Julian Growcott
Principal

KidsMatter

Neighbourhood House **Playdoh**

Thank you to our team of enthusiastic helpers who made Playdoh for the Preps. Our Preps were very excited to receive their colourful Playdoh from Neighbourhood House. Our Prep teachers and students are very grateful to Neighbourhood House, thank you!

Cake Stall

Another BIG THANK YOU to all our families who donated ingredients for our Neighbourhood House Cake Stall or came along yesterday to help with the baking. If you wish to bake at home and send along a delicious treat please bring it to school on Friday morning, either to the Hall or Office. Please label with the ingredients, thanks.

Delicious Cakes, Biscuits and Slices will be sold in the Hall on Friday morning from 8:30am. Prices will range from 50c to \$5.00.

Please come along to purchase a treat to share with your family. If you are unable to come yourself please send along some money with your children. Our Green team also encourages you to send along a container to hold their purchases until they get home and share them with their family. Individual cakes, biscuits and slices will also be available for children to purchase to eat as a treat at Morning Play or Lunch. The Cake Stall will also be open after Assembly until everyone has had an opportunity to purchase. It is planned to have more treats for sale at our Neighbourhood House Cake Stall on Election Day.

All money raised from our Cake Stall will be presented to the Dandenong Country Fire Authority at our assembly on Friday 31st May. Following assembly the Dandenong CFA will be presenting a Winter Fire Safety Presentation for our adult community.

Parenting Anxious Children - Thursday 30th May, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

All our Rosewood Downs families will receive a personal invitation to an information session presented by The Anxiety Recovery Centre to help understand and manage Anxiety in children. As a KidsMatter school, we place great importance on supporting the mental health and wellbeing of our school community. To support more families attending this valuable information session our Rosewood Downs Staff are providing a child minding MOVIE NIGHT for Rosewood Downs students. Further details are provided at the end of this Newsletter.

PLACES ARE LIMITED so please secure your booking by returning your RSVP on your personal invitation or with Shelby at the Office.

Anglicare

The following link from Anglicare provides information on groups and programs offered by Parentzone and Community Services across the Southern Region of Melbourne.

<http://bit.ly/2WJYqV2>

Greater Dandenong programs and services can be found on pages 95 – 106. Telephone Helplines can be found on pages 134 – 139. This information is on display in our Community Space in the Hall and copies are available at the Office. If you would like further information on support available please talk with our staff.

KidsMatter Action Team



Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who won this award for displaying **Responsibility**:

Unit A	Dougie Robertson-Watters
Unit B	Aleisha Zhou
Unit C	Sarah Ngo
Unit D	Achello Perera

Congratulations to the following students who won this award for **“doing your best”**:

Unit A	Annika Devine
Unit B	Rajko Jovanov
Unit C	Zachary Boersch-Quadara
Unit D	Lawrence Torpy

Caught You Being Kind

Luke Haack (1PT) was ‘Caught Being Kind’. Well done, Luke!

Music Awards

PS	Annika Devine	1R	Belma Cerim	2W	Aiden Boby
3T	Emilia Pantelic	5T	Maria Milkovic		

PH	Archer Mortensen	1PT	Aryna Mulholland	2C	Elesha Interligi
3/4F	Rylan Edwards	5/6F	Aleisha Zhou		

Anita Chan

Music Coordinator

Artist of the Week

2C	Laura Al-Khatib	2W	Aleksa Trakilovic	3/4F	Ash Jayasinghe
4M	Lincoln Farrier	5T	Luke Sarlija	5/6F	Sofia Dimopoulos
6P	Lily Black				

Lindsay Campbell

Art Co-Ordinator

Sports Awards

PH	Rubina Akbari	1PT	Ruzie Kosakyan	2W	Ana Simic
3/4F	Rylan Edwards	5/6F	Jovan Milanovic		
PS	Quade Kernohan	4W	Khristel Matijevic	6P	Lily Black

Lindsay Campbell

Sport Coordinator

Sport News

District Cross Country – Friday 24th May

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

Hadden Marsh
Zachary Boersch Quadara
Mikailo Trakilovic
Aref Abdoul Hak
Liam Farrier
Rylan Edwards
Kai Edwards
Leo Bou Karroum

11 year old boys

Cade Marsh
Anthony Diacoyannis
Hayden Cashman
Jovan Milanovic
Vlatko Ristevski
Jerome George
Murtazah Niazi
Regan Skinner

12/13 year old boys

Yianni Rozakis
Janith Amarasinghe
Teo Miljanic
Judd Esmonde
Takoda Lyons
Lincoln Leighton
Calin Searle
Yusuf Dalati

9/10 year old girls

Ruby Kendall
Lillie Esmonde
Emonefe Arhuere
Margita Putnikovic
Theodora Rozakis
Kelly Beal
Katarina Nedic
Andrea Ivezic

11 year old girls

Zipporah Ioane
Maria Milkovic
Aleisha Zhou
Charli Paterson
Tess Simon
Fatima Kobeissi
Tazmeen Khan
Sofia Dimopoulos

12/13 year old girls

Lanny Duan
Lily Black
Mia Souleiman
Isidora Pantelic
Cindy Zhu
Amrita Kaur
Maya Najjar
Anabella Ros

PMP – Every Monday afternoon in the Dance Studio

The Prep students are really enjoying the PMP sessions and are exploring lots of different skills and activities while having fun. Thank you so much to the parents who have volunteered their time to assist with the program so far. Any Prep parents who are interested in helping with the sessions or just curious to come and see what the students are working on please sign in at the office. Sessions are from 2:30pm - 3:30pm each Monday afternoon in the Dance Studio.

Lindsay Campbell
Sport Coordinator

School Events

SAVE THE DATE – Trivia Night – Friday 30th August

We held a meeting on Monday morning to discuss our plan of action for the events for 2019. This year we plan to reintroduce our Trivia Night for parents, staff and friends of Rosewood Downs. It has been a number of years since the last event of this type and we are excited by the chance to have a social evening without children. The event will be held on Friday 30th August so please save the date. More information will be sent out in the coming weeks with all of the details.

Our big push at the moment is looking for donations of goods and services towards upcoming raffles and silent auction items which can be incorporated in our Trivia Night. We encourage all families to explore possible connections you have in your network to help with this as it makes a big difference in our fundraising efforts. Please ask at the office for more information or assistance if needed.

Thank you,

Lindsay Campbell
Special Events Coordinator

The Green Team

It has been quiet these past two weeks with all of our compost monitors being away on camps and we managed to resume our compost collection this week. Our Green Team members continue to surprise us with their strong sense of responsibility in carrying out their daily duties and their enthusiasm in making our school a more sustainable place.

Mrs Chan was fortunate enough to attend a 'Zero Waste' talk led by Erin Rhoads recently and cannot wait to share valuable information with her team and explore all the different ways that could help RDPS students make sustainable choices that are better for the environment.

On this note, we would like to leave you with a thought-provoking quote:

'Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.'

On behalf of the Green Team, Thank you.

Jo Ford and Mary Chan
Green Team Coordinators



School Banking

Remember to bring your bank books, **every Wednesday**, for School banking! You can earn awesome rewards from the Commonwealth Bank on every 10th deposit.

If there are any parents or friends who are interested in helping with the banking, please leave your details with Shelby.

Last but not least a big thank-you to our core group of Mum's who process the banking every week!

Keep Saving!!

Rachel Cunningham
School Banking Coordinator

Unit News

Unit A

Last week, Unit A students very much enjoyed RDPS's Mother's Day celebrations. They made cards and put on a special performance for their mothers and family members. It was great to see so many family members return to our unit after our special assembly so students were able to give their cards and show off their classrooms.

Grade 1 students are looking forward to their camp next Wednesday evening! Students will stay at school for an extended day and complete a number of engaging and fun activities. They will participate in a woodcraft workshop, make popcorn and watch a movie, have dinner at school before changing into their pyjamas and brush their teeth ready for home. It is a great program to ready our students for an overnight camp in the following years. Please make sure permission and money has been paid via compass before the end of the week so we can finalise numbers and catering.

Our Prep students have begun 'Show and Tell.' Each student has a designated day to bring in an item that is special to them. Please help your child choose an item each week and discuss why it may be special to them. Show and Tell helps build confidence to speak to a larger group and it's a great way for the other students to get to know their peers more.

We would like to thank Neighbourhood House for making playdoh for the Prep students. We very much appreciate all their efforts.

The Prep teachers would also like to thank parents who have started to come in and listen to their children read. If you are able to help and listen to children read after assembly, please see Mrs Smith or Mrs Harrison.

Just a friendly reminder that school photos will be taken this Friday. Please make sure that students come to school dressed in a clean school uniform. Usually our younger year levels are the first to have their photo taken so it is important that students arrive to school on time so they don't miss out.

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

Unit B

The students had a wonderful time on City Camp last week. They enjoyed lunch at a Chinese Restaurant in China town, followed by a visit to the Melbourne Museum to see exhibitions including the Earth, Dinosaurs, Bugs, Bugs, Bugs and Wild Animals. Everyone really enjoyed the visit to MSAC where they participated in sports including hockey, table tennis, soccer and basketball, and water sports such as the giant slide, inflatable obstacle course, diving and wave pool. Our visit to the MCG included a tour of the grounds and change-rooms, a visit to the Sports Museum, the interactive 'Game-On' sports park, and a talk called '16 Hands' where everyone got to pat a beautiful horse and learn about horses.

The food at camp was delicious. Miraculously we managed to get round the city without getting wet, even though the weather was inclement. We used various forms of public transport including trains, trams and light rail. The teachers were very impressed with the behaviour of all students, and everyone had a great time.

Parents are reminded that the first component of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra incursion/excursion will happen tomorrow, Friday 17th May. Parents are asked to check the Events page on Compass to make this payment, as well as the Lyndale Extension program that will commence again soon.

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

Unit C

What a fantastic time students and teachers had at Phillip Island CYC Camp. The teachers were so proud of all students who gave everything a go and were on their best behaviour. Whilst on camp we were lucky enough to go and see the penguins and give some challenging activities such as giant swing, crate climbing and bike riding a go. It was also great to see students getting up and showing us their talents in 'Unit C has got talent'. Our Social and Emotional (SEL) sessions have definitely paid off with students understanding that it is okay to feel nervous when trying new things. We would also like to thank our helpers (Ms Terzic and Dominic) who gave up their time to accompany us on camp.

After coming back from Camp, Unit C is back in full swing with the Grade 3 Students going straight into NAPLAN. It was great to see the students all putting in their best effort. The Grade 4 students should also be commended on their ability to keep quiet and not disrupt the Grade 3 students while testing was underway.



Over the coming weeks we will be focusing on world explorers and we will be beginning our Science unit on materials. Our Environmental Program will be up and running soon so if you would like to come along and help in the garden on a Wednesday afternoon, please feel free to get in contact with Caitlyn Watkins

This coming Friday we have our school photos, could you please make sure your son/daughter is wearing the correct RDPS uniform.

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

Unit D

Term 2 is proving to be an incredibly busy term in Unit D with the Grade One and Grade Two camps just a week away! On Friday of Week 3, we celebrated Mother's Day at RDPS and in the week leading up to the



event both Grade Ones and Twos have been crafting away, trying to prepare the perfect Mother's Day gift. They were also able to showcase hidden dancing and singing talents during the Mother's day performance and many of them could easily qualify for The Voice Australia, don't you think?

Only one week to go for the Grade One's camp experience at school...The Grade One teachers will be sending home a checklist of all the things that will be needed on this day very soon. Don't forget payments please which can be done via Compass.

Our Grade One's topic Hear, Here and See is going well. We have been looking at the natural features of our environment and in particular the school environment and comparing these with man-made and structured features. The students have really embraced this - noticing features in their daily lives and how they fall into each category. It was gorgeous to hear one student say the other day.....'Oh boy look at those mountains in our school yard'. They were referring, of course, to the beautiful Mount Dandenong ranges we have literally in our backyard. Another student replied: 'Yes, they came last year!'

In our Social and Emotional Bounce Back Program, Grade Ones have been learning about ways to be brave in certain situations. This is extremely timely with our camp just around the corner.

The Grade Twos have been engrossed in studying physical science namely forces. You may have heard them chat about Pushes and Pulls and we are learning to make a hypothesis and carrying out experiments just like real scientists!

But, of course, the main 'topic' on everyone's lips is the Grade Two CAMP!!! We cannot believe that we are days away from sleeping in cabins and spending the night with classmates. The students are secretly hoping to see their teachers in patterned pyjamas! The Grade Two teachers will be sending home last minute reminders very shortly.

Lastly, we would like to remind you that this coming Friday will be School Photo Day and Unit D students are encouraged to wear their school uniform for the photos. All details have been sent through to parents via Compass.

Wishing you a lovely end to your week,

Unit D Team,

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

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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

Term 2, 2019

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





ROSEWOOD DOWNS
Primary School



ARC VIC
Anxiety Recovery Centre Victoria

Parenting Anxious Children

Thursday 30th May
6:00—8:00pm


The Anxiety Recovery Centre, will be presenting a seminar 'Parenting Anxious Children.' This seminar is specifically designed to help educate and support parents and carers who feel that their school age children, both primary and secondary, may be experiencing anxiety.

**Bookings
Essential**

Free Movie Night for Rosewood Downs students who have family members attending the parent information session.

Students are welcome to wear their pyjamas while they settle in to watch a movie!

Please arrive at 5:45pm



MOVIE NIGHT