



# NEWSLETTER

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## SICKBAY LINEN

(3:30pm) **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May** **Allison Esmonde**

(3:30pm) **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** **Isabelle Weir**

## DIARY DATES

(6:00pm – 8:00pm) **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May** **Parenting Anxious Children Seminar**  
 (9:15am – 10:15am) **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May** **Dandenong CFA Fire Safety Information Session**  
 (3:45pm) **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** **Trivia Night Meeting**  
**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** **Division Cross Country**  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June** **Queen's Birthday – STUDENT FREE DAY**  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June** **Curriculum Day – STUDENT FREE DAY**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** **Melbourne Symphony Orchestra Exc – UNIT B**  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June** **District Gala Day 2**  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** **Crazy Hair Day & Disco**  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** **LAST DAY OF TERM 2**



## Principal's Report

### Junior Campers

Well done and congratulations to the Grade 1 and 2 students who participated in their respective camping experiences last week. The grade 1's really enjoyed their afternoon and evening at school where they completed a special woodwork activity, watched a movie whilst eating freshly cooked popcorn and then finished the evening with a delicious meal of macaroni cheese, pizza and ice cream! Thank you to Mrs Rumney and Mrs Palmer-Tanner who worked hard to organise such an enjoyable evening and to the many staff who stayed at school to make sure the camp ran smoothly.

Our Grade 2's headed off on Wednesday morning to spend two days and a night at Camp Oasis in Mt Evelyn. Our intrepid campers were especially lucky to run into some superb autumn weather and were able to participate in a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities. By all reports, students really loved all activities but the highlight may have been cooking marshmallows around the campfire at night. Thanks to Mrs Woodhouse and Mrs Chan for their organisation prior to the event and to the staff who attended to make sure your children were given a special experience while being extremely well cared for.



### Hats Off to our Cross-Country Runners

Well done to the 50 students who represented the school at the District cross-country run event on Friday. The conditions were less than ideal, but our students had a red-hot crack despite the inclement weather. Our students competed fairly and tried their best and our school finished in 4th position overall. A special congratulations to Lanny, Yianni, Cade, Hadden and Mikailo who have all qualified for the Division cross-country event in coming weeks. We wish them luck as they compete at the next level.

It's Not OK to be Away

In primary school, some students miss on average as much as 15 days of school per year. With 200 school days in a year, that adds up to half a year of school by the end of Grade 6. This year, we are aiming to improve our attendance data and we encourage all children to attend school every day, unless they are genuinely sick. I ask that all parents work in conjunction with us to ensure that students attend school regularly. As mentioned previously, it is not okay to keep children home to take them shopping or if it is their birthday. When your child is away you are required to notify the school immediately. You can do this via Compass, by phoning the school or by leaving a phone message.

We are tracking student attendance closely and where children have significantly higher than average absences, parents will be asked to attend a meeting with the school. At these meetings, we develop strategies to help improve student attendance.



Not only is it important to come to school (unless you're sick of course), but it's also really important that students stay for the whole day. Some parents arrive early to collect children before the end of the school day and this is very disruptive to the whole class. It also means that your child may miss valuable information that helps them to be prepared for the following day. It's also essential that students arrive at school on time every day. Getting to school late and walking into assembly or class after everybody else arrives can be really unsettling for the late student and the grade as well. Timely arrival at school sets the tone for the day and means that students aren't stressed or anxious about getting to class on time which can affect learning. Getting to school on time and staying for the whole day are vital habits which translate into broader work and life habits as children grow older. I ask for your cooperation in ensuring that children are at school every day and that they arrive on time ready to move to assembly at 8:53am.

Anxiety Recovery Centre Presentation - TONIGHT

We are lucky to have a representative from the Anxiety Recovery Centre presenting in the dance studio at school tonight from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. If your child, yourself or other family members experience any form of anxiety, this session can help to provide information to help understand why it happens and strategies



to help in managing anxiety levels. If you have not registered but would like to attend, please contact the school asap. If you are a Rosewood Downs parent and can't organise a babysitter for the evening but would like to attend, bring the kids along and we'll look after them!

Farewell and Good Luck Mrs Rumney

On behalf of the Rosewood Downs community, I would like to wish Mrs Rumney a fond farewell as she begins her family leave, with Friday being her last day. Mrs Rumney has been a valued staff member over the last seven-and-a-half years and I know she will be missed by students, staff and parents alike. We will all be eagerly awaiting news of her impending arrival and I'll be sure to pass on any baby news as it comes to hand.

With Mrs Rumney's departure, I look forward to welcoming Miss Elisha Dedman as the new teacher for 1R. I know our families will make Miss Dedman feel welcome as she joins the Rosewood Downs teaching staff as of Monday next week.

**Julian Growcott**  
Principal

KidsMatterParenting Anxious Children

We look forward to the Anxiety Recovery Centre 'Parenting Anxious Children' this evening. A child minding Movie Night is available for Rosewood Downs students if family members are attending the session. Children may like to bring along a small snack to eat and even their pillow for extra comfort!

**PLEASE ARRIVE FROM 5:45PM FOR A PROMPT 6:00PM START.** Thank you.

## Neighbourhood House

Thank you to our amazing team of bakers who worked hard to ensure we had lots of delicious cakes, slices and biscuits for sale. Thank you also to our Rosewood Downs Community for coming along to purchase scrumptious treats to eat.

An AMAZING \$424.00 was raised for the Country Fire Authority. This donation will be presented to the CFA at our assembly tomorrow.

Dandenong CFA will be staying on after assembly to present a Fire Safety session. We encourage you to stay after assembly to ensure your home is 'FIRE SAFE'.

Sharon from Neighbourhood House will be baking scones for all participants to enjoy after the session. We look forward to you joining us.



## KidsMatter Action Team








**Rosewood Downs Primary School**



**Invitation to all Rosewood Downs Families  
From Dandenong Country Fire Authority**

**Important Event - Fire Safety At Home**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 9:15am – 10:15am**

Learn how to keep your family safe.

- ✓ Smoke alarms
- ✓ Fire blankets and extinguishers
- ✓ Dryer safety
- ✓ 000
- ✓ Safe family meeting places in an emergency
- ✓ General cooking safety and appliances
- ✓ What and how a fire can start.

**In the Hall Foyer    Toddlers Welcome**



Join us for a delicious morning tea of freshly baked scones with jam and cream.




How fire safe is your kitchen?

## Student of the Week

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

### Care and Compassion

Unit A	Sofia Simic
Unit B	Rafaella Villegas
Unit C	Chloe Arms
Unit D	Ruzie Kosakyan

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

### Integrity

Unit A	Eddie Guo
Unit B	Sara Babalj
Unit C	Theodora Rozakis
Unit D	Merin-Jimmy Anchani

## Caught You Being Kind

Lana Oinonen (1R) and Aryna Mulholland (1PT) were both 'Caught Being Kind'. Well done, Lana and Aryna!

## Music Awards

PS	Mikayla Paraskeuopoulos	1R	Filip Zivak	2W	Josie Dunstan
3T	Areyana Singh	5T	Hayden Cashman		
PH	Rubina Akbari	1PT	Suli Rifaie	2C	Mingqi Duan
4W	Leo Bou Karroum	5/6F	Austin Tran		

Anita Chan

Music Coordinator

## Artist of the Week

2C	Miranda Nguyen	3T	Parmis Mansuri	4W	Hadi Fallah
5T	Chanel Jongue	6PB	Ahmed Majeed		

Lindsay Campbell

Art Co-Ordinator

## Sports Awards

PH	Angelina Zakhary	1R	Ethan Halliwell	2C	Nina Miljanic
3T	Yune Morimoto	5T	Hayden Cashman		
2W	Grace Dong	3/4F	Margita Putnikovic	5T	Maria Milkovic
6PB	Iqbal Khurram				

Lindsay Campbell

Sport Coordinator

## Sport News

### District Cross Country – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Well done to all of the students who represented our school at the District Cross Country event on Friday. The weather conditions were unfavourable but all of our competitors did a great job in the rain. As a school team, we finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall and have a number of students who have advanced to the Division event after finishing in the top 10. Congratulations to **Lanny Duan, Yianni Rozakis, Cade Marsh, Hadden Marsh** and **Mikailo Trakilovic**. They will compete at the next level on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you to the teachers and parents who came along to support our team and help with the event.

**Unit B District Gala Sports Day – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

We are all looking forward to our second 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. Unfortunately we have had to make a late change with Rugby not being offered for the students to compete in at the event. We have now introduced a new sport this year to fill the spot, with Dandy Dodge (Dodgeball) making its competitive debut. Our students helped to refine the game so we could come up with a common set of rules for all schools in our district to learn. We are very keen to see how it will go on competition day.

**Venues:**

Greaves Reserve and Dandenong Tennis Club  
(Bennet St, Dandenong)

- Dandy Dodge
- Soccer
- Tennis Hot Shots

Dandenong Basketball Stadium  
(270 Stud Rd, Dandenong)

- Volleystars

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

The permission forms and payment options will be sent out on the Compass portal shortly. 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.

**RDPS Dance Squad**

A group of Grade 6 students are starting a Dance Squad that will practise in the Dance Studio on Fridays at lunch time. They will encourage and support other students by demonstrating and teaching dance routines for everyone to learn. There is a sign-up sheet at the Dance Studio for students in Grades 3 to 6. We look forward to seeing our students come together through their love of dancing.

**Lindsay Campbell**  
**Sport Coordinator**

***School Events*****SAVE THE DATE – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August – Trivia Night**

We are holding our next meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 3:45pm in the staffroom to discuss the details of our Trivia Night for parents, staff and friends of Rosewood Downs. We welcome anyone interested in helping with the planning and running of the event to come along to our meeting.

The event will be held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.





**Crazy Hair Day – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

It's 'Crazy Hair Day' at Rosewood Downs on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. All students are welcome to come with 'crazy hair' and casual clothes. If applying spray-on colour, this needs to be applied at home with parent permission. Please do not bring any colouring products to school.

This year Alex Holland will be taking part in the World's Greatest Shave. We will be having a special assembly in the hall to watch Alex shave his hair. Please support him and bring in donations to give to the Leukaemia Foundation.

We will be sending out more details soon with the information about the FREE disco in the Dance Studio for all students.

On behalf of the Junior School Council, thank you.

**Lindsay Campbell**  
**Special Events Coordinator**

## ***The Green Team***

With benchmarking in full swing, it has been a quiet fortnight for the Green Team as they focused on their assignments. However our composting program continues to operate thanks to our responsible sustainability group. With what is currently happening in the news that is, Malaysian governments threatening to return plastic waste back to Australia, it is more important than ever to teach our students and their families about ways of reducing our own waste. Our 'Zero Waste Swap' tip for this week would be to replace any disposable plastic bags with reusable bags. They come in different shapes and designs nowadays and the trick is not to forget to pack them when you leave the house!

Quote of the week: 'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.' by Margaret Mead.

We strongly believe that with the help of our students, we'll help raise awareness about environmental issues at our school and within the local community.

Have a lovely end to your week!

**Jo Ford and Mary Chan**  
**Green Team Coordinators**



## ***Woolworth's Earn & Learn***

Thank you to everyone who has been enthusiastically collecting the Earn and Learn stickers this year from Woolworths. It is great to see that the school community is working together to support Rosewood Downs Primary School in our endeavour to get new resources.

Please ensure that your stickers have been stuck to one of the green Sticker Sheets (found at the office) before dropping them into our collection box.

This program continues until June 25<sup>th</sup>, so please keep collecting!

**Mia Todisco**  
**Woolworth's Earn & Learn Coordinator**



## ***Parents' & Friends' Association***

Term 2 is wrapping up pretty quick and we have had some awesome events so far. I would like to extend a big thank you to the ladies and dads who helped with the Neighbourhood House baking day and bake stall as well as the election BBQ and all were a huge success. Also to the parents who helped out for the Book Fair. Without your help these events would not happen so big pat on the back to everyone.

Thank you,

**Allison Esmonde**  
**PFA President**

## ***School Banking***

We are looking for any parents or friends who are interested in helping with the banking. This process takes approximately 1.5 hours on Wednesday mornings after assembly. If we have enough helpers, you won't be required every week. If you could see yourself helping with this, please leave your details with Shelby.

**Student Bankers:** It is never too late to join and remember to bring your bank books every Wednesday! You can earn awesome rewards from the Commonwealth Bank, when you complete 10 deposits.

Last but not least a big thank-you to our Mums who process the banking every week!

Keep Saving!!!

**Rachel Cunningham**  
**School Banking Coordinator**

## ***Unit News***

### **Unit A**

The children and teachers have been working very hard over the last few weeks as we complete testing and benchmarking in preparation for report writing. The results enable us to assess the knowledge and skills already gained, and provide us with our teaching focus for each student during the following semester.

The cold weather has arrived and once again we would like to stress how important it is that the children wear appropriate warm clothing when going outside to play.

We have had a number of parents concerned about the loss of jumpers and jackets and we constantly remind the children to be responsible for their belongings and put things into their bags when not in use. We continue to find articles of clothing that are unnamed and this presents a problem when trying to find the owners. Please check to make sure that names have not faded after repeated washing and are easy to read. If your child has accidentally brought home someone else's jacket/jumper we would appreciate it if you could kindly return it to school as soon as possible.

Just a reminder that daily practise is essential for students to make consistent progress in reading so we encourage all children to read to an adult or older sibling every night. Take home books should be returned and changed each morning.

It is with great sadness that we farewell Mrs. Rumney this Friday as she leaves us to experience the joys of motherhood. Ashlee has worked in Unit A for a number of years now and has made an enormous contribution to our team. We thank her for her extreme dedication to the students and the support she

has provided to her fellow teachers. She will be greatly missed. We wish her every happiness as she begins another exciting and fulfilling role as a parent. We eagerly await the arrival of baby Rumney and hope that she will come to visit us very soon.

We now look forward to welcoming Elisha Dedman who will take over 1R as of next Monday. We are confident that our wonderful families and students will make her feel welcome and she will quickly become a valued member of the Rosewood Downs school community.

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

Unit B has had another couple of exciting weeks. The Friday before last, we were fortunate enough to have people from the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra come to visit us here in Dandenong North. Our students shared their knowledge of musical instruments with the musicians, and a few students were even able to try out their conductor skills! We were all very excited to see a range of different instruments being played and how they can mimic the sound of animals.

Our students are extremely excited to be starting our topic work on Asia's Amazing Animals. This term we have been exploring different types of maps, looking at countries, continents and climate zones. Soon we will be exploring how animals adapt to the different environments found in Asia.



Lastly, as the colder months are now upon us, we would very much appreciate any further donations of tissue boxes for the unit.

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

It is hard to believe that we have nearly completed six weeks of Term 2. The students have settled back into the school routine following their exciting adventures at Camp. They have just commenced their study on the travels and discoveries of World Explorers including Christopher Columbus and Ibn Battuta. In Geography they have travelled to South America and are now venturing into Africa.

Congratulations to those students who competed in atrocious conditions at the District Cross Country. You certainly showed a lot of resilience and perseverance when completing the course.

If you haven't sent a box of tissues, please send it to school as soon as possible. As we move into Winter could you please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate clothing to cope with the cold and wet weather.

Please remember that there is a Curriculum Day on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, so your child will not be required to attend school on that day.

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



**Unit D**

The Year 2s had a memorable time up at Camp Oasis in Mt Evelyn and enjoyed the beautiful surroundings of the Australian bush! The students couldn't wait to get into their cabins with their peers and make up their beds! Our little campers had a close up, hands-on encounter with various types of reptiles and amphibians, they also had to test their balance and flexibility as part of the Crate-Climbing activity and got to create their own unique candles to take home. As small groups, they also engaged in team-building activities such as 'The Initiative Games' where the students were presented with problems that required group communication and co-operation. We also participated into low ropes course which challenged the campers' balance, co-ordination and stamina. We were fortunate enough to have a perfect starry night for our camp fire where we used toasting prongs to toast delicious marshmallows! Later on that night, our awesome students enjoyed a cinema experience in their pyjamas and sleeping bags in the camp's theatre room. We woke up to the sound of laughing Kookaburras and we even observed baby Wallabies feeding on wild mushrooms! All in all, it was magical and our students were phenomenal! The camp organisers praised how well behaved Rosewood Downs Students were and we, teachers, are very proud of the fine example that they have set for the others to come.



It was very cute to see our Year ones wave our Year twos off to camp last week and boy was it quiet in the unit....but not for long....

Year ones really loved their camp experience; showing cooperation, perseverance and confidence. Our time was a very busy one but we did manage to cram all the activities in which included: watching a movie and dancing, eating lots of wonderful Mac and Cheese and Pizza, building a really cute wooden model and parading around in our pyjamas. I don't know about our students but we teachers were pretty tired by 7.30! Like the Year 2 teachers, we too were proud of our students, their behaviour and their enthusiasm. Thank you to the parents for supporting us in bringing this experience to fruition. It is always great to have the support at home: reassuring the children that this is a good thing to participate in- and trusting that we would host a fun introduction to our camping program.

Testing and Moderation is in full swing and once again we are happy with our students and the commitment to their learning. This is evident in the results we are seeing across the board. Well done superstars in Unit D! These testing schedules are fairly rigorous so please ensure your child is well rested each day.

It is a timely reminder to encourage your child to bring his/her reading satchel everyday so that they can not only be heard by us or by one of our dedicated reading parents but to also change their books. Sometimes students like to read the same book again and again- this is okay but as they say: 'Variety is the spice of life'...so regular changing of their reading material is encouraged.

Please keep a daily watch on the compass announcements for forthcoming events, information and updates. This is a great resource and way of communicating important information in a very effective manner. It was fantastic to see that most of our parents used this vehicle to keep them informed as to the needs and equipment for the recent camping events. Sometimes you may need to 'scroll' down to find the relevant post/notice that you are looking for.

Thank you once again for your support in our endeavour to deliver a fun and interesting curriculum.

**Unit D Team,**

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



Grade 2 Camp



## ROSEWOOD DOWNS Primary School

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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 <sup>rd</sup>	Readers
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mother's Day Presentation - 2:45</b>
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Musos
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Readers
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Musos
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	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**