



# NEWSLETTER

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## SICKBAY LINEN

(3:30pm) **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** Allison Esmonde

(3:30pm) **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** Danijela Cetkovic

## DIARY DATES

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

(8:53am – 2:30pm) **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** LAST DAY OF TERM 2 – EARLY FINISH

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July** FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July** STOMP Dance Program (1/5)

(6:00pm – 8:30pm) **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July** Dads Do Matter Session – Anglicare (1/6)



## Principal's Report

Once again, we've come to the end of another busy and productive term. There have been lots of fantastic activities and events, including four camps, a variety of excursions and incursions, sports events galore and our 'nude food' week amongst other things. And we're not finished yet! Tomorrow we wrap up a huge term with a special fundraising assembly in the morning to support the World's Greatest Shave. Alex from Grade 6 will be having his head shaved to raise money to support the Leukaemia Foundation. We have a free-dress, 'crazy' hair day and ask that all students bring a gold-coin donation to support a great cause. After assembly, students will get to participate in a junior or senior disco and then we finish this special school day with a **2:30pm finish**. I would like to wish all our families a relaxing two-week break from school and thank our community for the ongoing support of the work we do to provide the best learning opportunities for every student. I would also like to thank our teachers and support staff for the tireless work they do to foster such a positive, engaging and inclusive learning environment.



### Semester 1 Reports

Given that we are nearly at the end of Term 2 also means that we are issuing student reports to summarise student achievements in Semester 1. I would like to thank our teachers for the very significant time and effort invested in reporting back to you about your child's achievement and progress. The comments in the reports reflect a thorough understanding of your child and summarise their achievements and successes, along with improvement focuses for the future. Please take the time to read the reports thoroughly and discuss the content with your child. It is some of the most important feedback that your child will receive during their schooling and our students are familiar with the purpose of feedback and how it can be used to inform their future learning.

For the first time, we will be publishing reports via our Compass portal. Parents will be able to access reports for their child/ren from about 4:00pm this afternoon. Access is relatively straight-forward via the 'reports' tab on the app or desktop version of Compass. The report can be downloaded and saved and/or

printed out. If you have any issues with this or would like a hard-copy and don't have printer access, please contact Shelby for a printed copy. Please also notify us ASAP if you are not currently registered on Compass and we will arrange access.

There are a couple of pointers for parents as we transition to this new reporting format. Although the layout and content is very similar to previous years, there are a couple of small items to note.

For the first time on our reports, student absence data will be accurate and up to date as at today's date. This is a big improvement on previous years where absence data needed to be uploaded well before reports were published.

On the second page of the report, where you will see the achievement table featuring student progression points against the Victorian Curriculum, there will be some variability in the 'previous result' circle. The purpose of this circle is explained in the report, but you will see a variety of different numbers in these circles, ranging from 6 to 24. This number reflects how many months it has been since your child was last assessed against this curriculum outcome. Mostly, these circles will contain a 6, as many areas are assessed every six months. A handful of others, however, are assessed less frequently and so will contain a number reflecting the last time this curriculum area was assessed. We include the previous result circle so that you can see your child's academic growth over a period of time. Sometimes, there will be no previous result circle for a given curriculum area. This generally means there is no previous assessment result for that area (this is the case for all Prep students and a number of other curriculum areas across higher grade levels). Please contact the school if you need any clarification on this, or any other feature of the reports.

Finally, I appreciate that some parents may be a little disappointed not to receive a hard-copy of their child's report. However, from the school's perspective, publishing online saves us a lot of administrative time and effort, not to mention heaps of paper! Personally, I believe our time and work efforts are best spent on directly supporting the learning of all the children at our school, and online reporting helps to achieve this.

### [Holiday Work](#)

During the school holidays, we will be doing some work to upgrade facilities. We will be removing the windows between the library and ICT lab and will be expanding the library to take up the whole ground floor. The computers will be moved upstairs to the mezzanine level and we will be converting this space into a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) lab. The existing ICT lab will be re-carpeted and new shelving and furniture bought to improve the look and feel of the space. The upstairs space for the new STEM lab will be reconfigured to include a variety of work stations and spaces to enable hands-on learning in the aforementioned learning domains. It may take a week or two into Term 3 to have these spaces fully equipped and operational, but once up and running, I invite parents to come and see the upgrades and improvements.

### [Mrs. Payne on Leave](#)

As many of you would know, Mrs. Payne has been on leave for the majority of Term 2. I would like to let our families know that she will continue to be on leave during Term 3. This is after Mrs. Payne had a health concern earlier this term. I would like to reassure everyone that Mrs. Payne is physically well again, but is taking some extended leave to fully recuperate.

### [Prep Enrolments](#)

Finally, if you, or someone you know, has a prep student yet to enrol for next year, just a gentle reminder that we would appreciate enrolment forms returned to the school as soon as possible. Our 'Try Prep' transition sessions start in Term 3 and it is important that our 2020 prep students are enrolled so that they can participate in this important program. Please see Shelby at the office for enrolment packs or to drop off your forms.

**Julian Growcott**  
**Principal**

## **KidsMatter**

### Anglicare

#### Dads Do Matter – Parents Building Solutions

A FREE six week program for parents, grandparents and carers. We encourage you to come and join our facilitator Jasbir and other Dads to share experiences, learn new strategies and solutions to:

- Improve your confidence as a Dad
- Improve communication and closeness with your children
- Create a healthy environment for your children
- Learn how to cope with stress, emotions and anger

#### **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**

To book your place please register at the office on 9795 3744.

Please see the attached flier for further details.

### Neighbourhood House

#### Nude Food Day

Thank you to all our families who came along on Nude Food Day to see twenty-four of our students present their Nude Food Lunch Box WAGOLLS (What a Good One Looks Like). Students from Prep to Grade Six joined Mrs Chan and the GREEN TEAM to share their Nude Food lunch ideas. We hope our students inspired you to GO GREEN and pack Nude Food every day.

#### Care Packs

Thank you to Neighbourhood House who has donated Care Packs for children who may be in need of a little extra support and TLC (tender loving care). If you have, or know of a child, whose day would be a little bit brighter with one of these Care Packs, please contact the office.



### Second-Hand Uniforms

As we are in the midst of Winter we would appreciate any second-hand uniforms being sent along to help us support our students. We are particularly looking for jumpers of any size and small size track-suit pants. If you have any your child is no longer wearing please send to the office. Thank you.

### KIDSMATTER UPDATE

Stay tuned for some exciting changes to KidsMatter next year...Watch this KidsMatter space in our Term 3 newsletters.

The KidsMatter Action Team wishes our Rosewood Downs Community a happy winter holiday. We look forward to continuing our partnership with our families in Term 3.

#### **KidsMatter Action Team**



## Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who won this award for:

### Giving Everyone a Fair Go

Unit A	Belma Cerim
Unit B	Chanel Jongue
Unit C	Paarth Walia
Unit D	Aleksa Trakiovic

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

### Freedom

Unit A	Brennan Marsh
Unit B	Natasha Papachristos
Unit C	Rylan Edwards
Unit D	Djani Marinkovic

## Caught You Being Kind

Grace Dong (2W) and Amelie Lalut (Prep S) were both 'Caught Being Kind'. Well done, Grace and Amelie!

## Music Awards

PS	Rilind Krasniqi	1D	Shannon Beal	3T	Sia Savasta
5/6F	Periklis Filippidis	PH	Mackenzie Jackson	1PT	Kai Esmonde
2W	Liana Serdar	3/4F	Zachary Boersch Quadara	6PB	Teo Milianic

Anita Chan

Music Coordinator

## Artist of the Week

2W	Olivia Fletcher	2W	Ana Simic	5T	Leen Marji
5T	Tazmeen Khan	5/6F	Janith Amarasinghe	5/6F	Calin Searle
6PB	Saeed Tavakoli				

Lindsay Campbell

Art Co-Ordinator

## Sports Awards

PH	Amelia Crayford	1PT	Crystal Van Ravenstein	2C	Natalie Otruba
3/4F	Brianna Wilson	5/6F	Janith Amarasinghe	PS	Brandon Nguyen
4W	Lillie Esmonde	6PB	Cade Marsh		

Lindsay Campbell

Sport Coordinator

## Sport News

### Region Cross Country – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Congratulations to Lanny Duan and Cade Marsh for competing at the Region Cross Country event at Hastings Foreshore. Both students should be proud of their effort and the level they have reached. This is the second year in a row that Lanny has reached the Region finals and Cade only missed out by one spot last year. We hope they continue to pursue their running goals next year and beyond at their new schools.

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

Unfortunately due to the cold and wet weather conditions last week, the event was postponed. The students were able to have a practise session at school instead and we are currently looking for a date to reschedule the event. More information will be sent out as soon as the details are finalised. All payments made so far will be held at the school and be used for the next event.

Lindsay Campbell

Sport Coordinator

## School Events

### Special Events Committee

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

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.



All staff, parents and friends of the school are welcome to join the fun on **Friday 30th August**

Tickets on sale

BYO Drinks and food

 trybooking

\$20 per person or

\$160 for a table of 10

Nibbles, tea, coffee  
and cake provided

Event for 18 years and over

**7pm onwards - Trivia from 7:30**

**Fun - Music - Prizes - Silent Auctions - Raffles - Special Quiz Rounds**

**Murray Road Dandenong North - ph: 9795 3744**

**Email: [rosewood.downs.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:rosewood.downs.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)**

### Crazy Hair Day – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

It's 'Crazy Hair Day' at Rosewood Downs tomorrow, 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 or donate online. <http://bit.ly/2Zui7Bp>

There will be a FREE disco in the Dance Studio for all students. We are looking for parents who are able to help sell items at the canteen.

On behalf of the Junior School Council, thank you.

**Lindsay Campbell**  
Special Events Coordinator

## *The Green Team*

What a week for the environmental team!

We were blown away by the rate of participation of RDPS students for Nude Food Day. This fun event was a great way to reduce the amount of rubbish coming into our school as most of the rubbish that we generate and send to landfill comes from the packaging on the food we buy. So well done parents for sending Nude Food lunches on that special day. We would strongly encourage you to keep sending waste-free lunches regularly.

Thank you to Sharon from the Neighbourhood House for her delicious morning tea and all the parents who kindly donated their precious time to attend the Nude Food WAGOLL presentation of lunchboxes. Congratulations to Grade 2W for winning the Golden Lunchbox and they are now known as Grade 2 WW (Waste-Warriors!) Again, 'Thank You' to Sophie and Ruby Fitzgerald's mother, Leanne for kindly donating the trophy!

We also held two Waste-Free incursions for the junior and senior students last week and our students are now more familiar with the terms 'Litter-free, waste-free, Nude Food' lunches. They can differentiate between single-use items and reusable items. We are hoping that they will now steer clear of pre-packaged foods, plastic bags, bottled water, disposable utensils, plastic straws or food wrapped in cling wrap.

The junior grades have learnt about the power of the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle). During the incursion, they had to participate in a sorting activity where unsorted rubbish, which would normally go to landfill, had to be placed in the correct bins. Students carefully thought about their items and what they were made out of before picking between a general rubbish bin, a compost bin and a recycle bin. They should be able to help their families at home sort their rubbish responsibly.

Quote of the week: 'The Earth is a fine place and worth fighting for' By Ernest Hemingway.

See you in Term 3 for more Green Team initiatives!

On behalf of the Green Team, Thank you.

Mrs M. Chan and Mrs Westerman-Ford

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



## *Earn & Learn Program*

A big thank you to everyone who helped collect stickers for this year's Earn and Learn program! We very much appreciate everyone who contributed to our sticker count and cannot wait to purchase new resources for our school. We will be excitedly counting the stickers very soon, and will announce our total at assembly next term.

**Mia Todisco**  
Earn & Learn Coordinator

## Parent & Friends

Another term comes to a close I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered their time to help out with BBQ's, bake stalls, and discos. Next term we have the Trivia night that the PFA and Events committee are collaborating on so if you love Trivia and would like to be involved in organising please leave your name and number with Shelby. There will also be a second-hand uniform sale in Term 3. Also please remind your children to stop by the lost property box outside the staff room to check for any items they may have misplaced. Anything not named or claimed will be donated.



**Allison Esmonde**  
PFA President

## Unit News

### Unit A

The end of Term 2 is upon us and once again it has been a busy and productive time. The students in Unit A have worked very hard and have achieved some significant learning goals.

We have farewelled Mrs Rumney and welcomed Ms Dedman and it has been a very smooth transition for everyone.

Thank you for supporting us with the Nude Food day which was so successful and reinforced the children's understanding of how we should all be trying to reduce waste.

This Friday we are looking forward to seeing lots of crazy hairstyles for Crazy Hair Day. This, combined with the Disco, is traditionally lots of fun and helps to raise money for a very worthy cause.

We hope that all the students have a happy, safe, and relaxing holiday, and come back eager and ready to continue their learning in Term 3.

**Unit A Team,**  
**Chanté Smith (Prep S), Linda Harrison (Prep H) & Elisha Dedman (1D)**

### Unit B

There is a flurry of editorial activity happening in Unit B as the Writers meet the end of term deadline for publication into their class magazine about Asian Animal Adaptations. The Writers have learnt new Geographical and mapping skills related to the World and then more specifically about Asia. They are learning new Literacy skills such as writing factual information with an under-lying message, writing succinctly and editing within a word limit. They are learning ICT skills such as how to create Word documents using a template and how to attach pictures and maps. And finally they are feeling proud of their own learning and what they have achieved. Such a lot of learning is happening! After this we will all be happy for a holiday break. We hope all families enjoy a relaxed, safe and happy holiday, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in Term 3.

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

# Fishing Felines

## A Cat In Need

*Cats purr to communicate with humans, but no one's listening to this one. Found in the sub-tropical regions of South-East Asia, lives the fishing cat. Finding its habitat decreasing, the fishing cat species is dying out, making it the least detected cat in the whole world.*

By Ruby Fitzgerald

This fishing feline basks in the sun during the day, keeping their energy for when they prowl at night. Twice the size of an average domestic cat, this fishing feline has a very muscly and stocky build, making it easier to swim and go fishing, which is how the fishing cat gains its name. Although living in South-East Asia, where many people would dream of living, this cat doesn't have a purrfect life.



The fishing cat catching a fish.

Webbed paws and non-retractable claws are the structural adaptations of a fishing cat, making it easier to catch a meal. The fishing cat uses a very clever hunting technique, tapping the top of the water. This makes an illusion tricking fish into thinking there is a drowning insect there. Then the fishing cat scoops up its meal. However, fish isn't the only thing the fishing cat dines on. Their diet includes crabs, frogs, crayfish, mollusks, snakes and even young deer.

This fabulous feline isn't friendly. It may look like the perfect pet but it is an aggressive, solitary animal that can claim up to 29km<sup>2</sup> of land! They need to be aggressive and cautious though, so they can compete with animals who live in close proximity. These animals can include alligators, bears and even tigers! However, fishing cats are quite high up on the food chain.



A map displaying where fishing cats live in dark green

Even though the fishing cat breed is the least detected cat in the whole world doesn't mean they are safe and are protected. They suffer from loss of habitat, which we as humans are to blame. We need to stop carelessly constructing where defenceless animals, such as fishing cats have homes. They are of course many people aware of what we are doing and are trying to make a difference. They work hard every day trying to get the numbers of fishing cats in the wild higher, but this isn't enough. The fishing cats need your help and protection in order for them to have a home where the truly belong.



A fishing cat's habitat

### Resources

Animal Facts

Big Cat Rescue

Cambodian Fishing Cat Project

School Soft



A swimming fishing cat

Ruby Fitzgerald 5T

# Small Asian Mongoose

*An unexpected hazard to snakes.*

*The Small Asian Mongoose, also called the Javan Mongoose, is known for fighting deadly snakes, such as the cobra, and winning. These small mammals live in grasslands, where there are cold winters and warm summers residing in burrows, often old ones left by other animals.*

By Sofia Dimopoulos

This mongoose's appearance is perfect for sneaking up on a snake. With their brown or grey coat and long body, they can easily blend in with the grass. Its speed, short legs and sharp claws help the Small Asian Mongoose change directions fast and dodge a snake bite. It also has strong jaws which can crush the snake's skull.

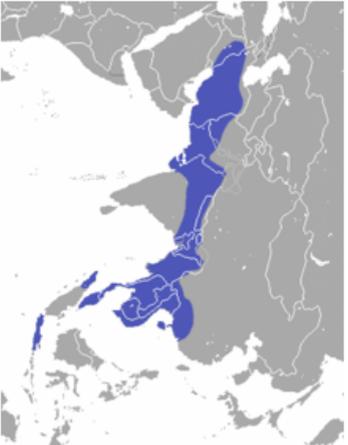


This mongoose is in the middle of a battle with a cobra.

The mongoose does not only eat snakes. They enjoy a varied diet, including meat, nuts, berries, fruit, and insects. These animals use their pointed noses to sniff out prey and dig it up with their sharp claws. It can even crack open eggs by throwing them against hard surfaces, such as rocks or trees.

Small Asian Mongooses have various adaptations which assist them in killing deadly snakes. For example, they have adapted to be slightly immune to snake venom. Most animals will be dead after one bite from a dangerous snake, not this animal, though, the mongoose can survive two-four bites and still be fine! When killing a snake, they use their speed and agility to dodge its attacks and tire it out by biting its tail. After that, it's easy for the Small Asian Mongoose to bite its head and finally kill it.

Overall, the Small Asian Mongoose is an excellent snake predator. Its appearance and adaptations make it ideal for hunting snakes within its environment. If you were a snake you would definitely not want to come across this snake killer!



Small Asian Mongooses live in southern Asia and the Iberian Peninsula.

## References:

<https://study.com/academy/lesson/mongoose-facts-lessons-for-kids.html#>

kidcyber.com

Animalia.bio

Sofia Dimopoulos 5/6F

**Unit C**

In true Rosewood Downs spirit we are ending the term with a bang...or should I say splat. This week all students in Unit C have been busily preparing themselves for our 'Egg drop challenge' where they have planned, designed and created in teams a package that will protect a raw egg from cracking when thrown off the 'Adventure Playground'.

Last week Unit C students did a great job of bringing a nude food lunch. They also attended an incursion based on waste found in lunchboxes. All students were engaged and enjoyed learning new information about which bin to place their waste in.

Don't forget STOMP will be starting in Week 1 next term! Please make sure to pay ASAP in order for your child to attend these sessions.

Enjoy your mid-year holidays! We hope you all have a restful break and we will see you next term!

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

We have had such a busy Term 2 and we can hardly believe that we have finally reached the end of semester 1. It has been an eventful past week for our Unit D students with special days and incursions. Last Wednesday, over 90% of our Unit D students enthusiastically brought waste-free snacks and lunches for our Nude Food Special Day and the teachers were amazed by the variety of eco-friendly products used in the lunchboxes in an attempt to reduce our waste. There were colourful re-usable containers, stainless steel cutlery and chopsticks, cloth napkins, reusable bottles and even beeswax wraps! Well done to Grade 2W for winning the coveted Golden Lunchbox trophy! The Grade 2W students now wish to call themselves: Grade 2WW (Grade 2 Waste-Warriors!)

On Friday, our students participated in an interactive incursion about the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) where we had to sort through waste. The students were asked to dispose of them responsibly by dropping them in the correct bin. We now have a better understanding of what can and cannot be recycled.

We would like to say a big thank you to all our parent helpers and volunteers for their willingness to contribute some of their valuable time. They really make a big difference in our students' educational experiences.

To finish, we would like to remind you that STOMP payment is now due and all details have been sent through to parents via Compass and payment can be done online.

To reward our students for all their hard work this term, we have planned a very relaxing day for the last day of Term 2 with Crazy Hair Day, casual clothes, Junior Disco and we will also be watching a movie in the Unit! We would be grateful if your child could bring in a gold coin donation to support Alex Holland from Grade 6 who is participating in the 'World's Greatest Shave'. By fundraising for the World's Greatest Shave, Alex is helping families with blood cancers like Leukaemia.

Wishing you a lovely end to your week and see you in Term 3!

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





## **DADS DO MATTER** PARENTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS

Come & join other Dads to share experiences,  
learn new strategies & solutions on:

- Improving your confidence as a Dad
- Improving communication and closeness with your kid
- Creating a healthy environment for your children
- Learn strategies and tools that work
- Learn how to cope with stress, emotions and anger

**DATES:** Wednesdays-24, 31 July, 7, 14, 21 & 28 August 2019

**TIME:** 6.00pm to 8.30pm

**WHERE:** Rosewood Downs Primary School  
Murray Rd, Dandenong North

**COST:** FREE

**BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES CONTACT:**

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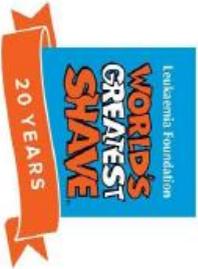
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## Alex Holland in Grade 6 is shaving his hair for a cure!

This year Alex Holland will be taking part in the World's Greatest Shave. Please sponsor him to give Aussie families facing blood cancer the emotional and practical support they need. Blood cancer is the third most common cause of cancer death in Australia, claiming more lives than breast cancer or melanoma. Every day another 35 people will be diagnosed.



We will be having a special assembly at 8:55am in the hall to watch Alex shave his hair. Please support him and bring in donations to give to the Leukaemia Foundation. No matter how much you give, it's an extraordinary way to make a difference. You can colour-in and cut out the token below and attach your donation or use the link to pledge online.

Sponsor Alex today! <http://bit.ly/2Zui7Bp>

Thank you for your generous support.

Junior School Council

Julian Growcott – Principal



**PLEASE SPONSOR ME!**  
 I AM GOING TO BE BRAVE  
 AND SHAVE FOR A CURE.

Thank you for your support!

**WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE**

## Rosewood Downs Primary School

We invite all students to our **FREE** event

# CRAZY HAIR DAY DISCO

*Let your hair down and celebrate the end of term!*

**Friday 28th June 2019**

Junior Disco 11:00am - 12:00pm

Senior Disco 12:10pm - 1:10pm

**Lollies, chips and drinks**

**on sale at the disco**



Rosewood Downs Primary School

**WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE**