



# NEWSLETTER

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## SICKBAY LINEN

(3:30pm) Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July **Isabelle Weir**  
 (3:30pm) Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August **Michelle Marsh**

## DIARY DATES

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July **National Tree Day**  
 (2:30pm – 3:30pm) Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July **Second Hand Uniform Sale**  
 Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July **Special Assembly – SAT Badge Ceremony**  
 Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July **Super Hero Dress Up Day**  
 (after assembly) Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July **WOIM Open Classroom – PARENTS & STUDENTS**  
 (10:30am) Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July **Coffee/Tea & Cake - PARENTS**  
 Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July **Dads Do Matter (1/5)**  
 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August **District Gala Day 2 – NEW DATE**  
 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August **STOMP Performance**  
 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August **House Athletics – UNIT B + C**  
 Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August **Father's Day Stall – STUDENTS ONLY**  
 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August **Father's Day Stall – PARENTS**  
 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August **Trivia Night School Fundraiser**



## Principal's Report

Despite only being in Week 2, Term 3 has kicked off really positively with lots of activities underway and some exciting events and special days coming up soon.

### Student Progress Interviews

Our Student Progress Interviews were conducted on Wednesday afternoon and evening and I thank the many parents and families who made the time to visit the teachers to discuss their student's progress and talk about goals and priorities for Semester 2. These interviews are important as it helps to give parents and guardians a greater insight into what your child/ren are experiencing in the classroom and the work that teachers undertake to ensure that every child is achieving to their potential. I would like to thank the teachers who work very hard to make these interviews a worthwhile and beneficial experience for all involved.

### Grade 2 Werribee Zoo excursion

I was very lucky to join the Grade 2 students on their excursion to Werribee Open Range Zoo today. We got lucky with the weather and students participated in zoo education sessions and a safari tour. There were many exotic animals and wild creatures and critters to be seen on the day. I would like to commend all the 'little critters' from Rosewood Downs who were very well-behaved and made the most of our special outing.



**STOMP**

Our STOMP dance program is into its second week and the students are, once again, enjoying the opportunity to engage in this challenging yet fun dance program. Their hard-work and practice will culminate in a special afternoon assembly performance for all grades on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Make sure you mark it in your diaries and come along, as it is always a fantastic performance and a highlight for both students and their families.

**National Tree Day**

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July we will be participating in National Tree Day by planting a large number of trees around the school yard. This includes some larger native species which will provide shade and habitat for birds and native animals as they mature over time. We will also be planting a range of ornamental trees to beautify our grounds. We will be finishing our 'avenue' of ornamental pear trees along the driveway near the hall by planting another six established pear trees. Mrs Mary Chan will be running a special tree-themed art activity in the art room at lunchtime which students are invited to participate in. If you are available to help dig some holes, move soil or prepare gardens with some mulch on Friday, please let us know. Any help would be appreciated.

**Week of Inspirational Maths**

Next week sees our second-annual 'Week of Inspirational Maths'. Following on from last year's success, we have a week of fun and engaging maths activities organised for each of our classes in the school. We have a special assembly on Monday to kick off the week, a special 'super hero' dress up day on Tuesday and an open-classroom activity on Wednesday morning. All families are invited to attend our Wednesday morning activities straight after assembly and we will be having a special morning tea for parents in our brand new library space at about 10:30am. Please come along to our assemblies or maths morning on Wednesday to see your own – and all the other students – in action in their classrooms.

**Julian Growcott**  
Principal

***KidsMatter*****KIDS MATTER UPDATE**

'Be You' coming soon to Rosewood Downs!

**Anglicare****Dads Do Matter – Parents Building Solutions – BEGINS WEDNESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST**

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. Pizza dinner provided! Please see the attached flier for further details.

Parentzone

Parentzone Southern Directory is a valuable resource for families, it contains information on groups and programs offered across the Southern Region of Melbourne. Many of these programs are offered locally in Greater Dandenong, including the 'Dads Do Matter' program being held at Rosewood Downs. Telephone Help Lines are also listed.

Groups, programs and telephone helplines can be accessed through the following link.

<https://bit.ly/2Ylmzp7>

The groups and programs available in Greater Dandenong is on display in the Community Space in the Hall or at the office. Further information is available by contacting the office or any of our staff at Rosewood Downs.

**What are people who have attended saying about Anglicare Programs?****What did you find helpful about this program?**

*"The content of the program is very rich and helpful. I have learned more about how to deal with difficult behaviour in my kids"*

*"I loved these sections: Less shouting and looking for more ways to find a solution, talk more respectfully and know more boundaries"*

*"Worker taking the Program was great, nonjudgmental, confident and knowledgeable"*

*"Information provided is very helpful. Giving the opportunity to participate in discussions was great".*

**KidsMatter Action Team****Student of the Week**

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

**Generosity**

Unit A	Gurnoor Maan
Unit B	Keerthikan Thulasithasan
Unit C	Kannan Vasavan
Unit D	Kai Esmonde

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

**Respect**

Unit A	Farhan Changizi
Unit B	Amelia Pisimisi
Unit C	Ali Mahboub
Unit D	Laith Marji

**Caught You Being Kind**

Ivan Radulovic (2C) and Amelie Lalut (Prep S) were both 'Caught Being Kind'. Well done, Ivan and Amelie!

**Music Awards**

PS	Dimitrije Urukalo	1D	Farhan Changizi	2C	Natila Tran
3T	Shelby Leighton	5T	Fatima Kobeissi		

Anita Chan

Music Coordinator

## Artist of the Week

2C Brayden Odgers  
5T Hayden Cashman

3T Chloe Arms  
5/6F Lanny Duan

3/4F Margita Putnikovic

**Lindsay Campbell**  
**Art Co-Ordinator**

## Sports Awards

1D Rada Lesic  
5T Fatima Kobeissi

2W Jake Terzic

3T Ruby Kendall

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

## Sport News

### Unit B District Gala Sports Day – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August

Due to the postponement of our event we have now rescheduled Gala Day 2 on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August. There has also been a change in the venues and the amount of schools involved. We will be sending teams along in the following sports.

Hot Shots Tennis	Dandenong Tennis Club (Greaves Res)
Dodgeball	Dandenong Netball Centre (Greaves Res)
Soccer	Tatterson Park Keysborough (Cheltenham Road, Behind Springers Leisure Centre)

There will be new notices sent home with the updated details. Every student requires a consent form signed. If you have already paid no further payments are needed. Any outstanding payments can still be made via compass or through the office. Thank you for your patience and understanding with the changes for this event.

### Unit B and C House Athletics – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August

We will be holding our House Athletics Day at Ross Reserve on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August. It would be great if any parents who are available can come along to help with the various track and field events on the day or just come to support the students as they compete for their team to win the House trophy. This event will also form part of the selection process for the upcoming District Athletics competition in September. More information will be sent out soon on Compass with the payment and permission forms.

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

## School Events

### Trivia Night - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August

This year we are happy to host a Trivia Night for all staff, parents and friends of Rosewood Downs. The evening will consist of general knowledge trivia questions and fun quiz rounds and challenges. There will be games and live music, raffles, silent auctions and prizes, all in the aim to raise money for our school improvement. The event is for 18 years plus and we encourage you to get a group of up to 10 people and book a table on Trybooking.com. Single tickets are available too. Please refer to the poster for more 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 1<sup>st</sup> June**

It was great to see so many people at school on the last Friday of Term 2 with crazy hair supporting the Leukaemia Foundation. We collected \$556 on the day, which was added to the online contributions by the community, making a total donation of around \$630! Well done to Alex Holland who shaved his hair to help raise awareness and funds for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Thank you to all of the parents who helped at our discos.

On behalf of the Junior School Council, thank you.

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

***The Green Team***

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope that you had a restful break and are looking forward to the second half of 2019.

This term promises to be action-packed with a few events planned in the next few weeks. This coming Friday, we will be hosting a School Tree Day at RDPS where students will be involved in planting native trees and this activity will be led by our Principal, Mr Growcott, himself. The Green Team will also hold a special lunchtime arts and craft activity open to all students to celebrate National Tree Day. We will share pictures of the events in the next newsletter.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Bunnings for supporting our Composting Program and for kindly donating a brand new worm farm and compost tumbler to RDPS. The Green team, with the help of other students, were very quick to assemble our gifts and we are all eagerly waiting for our first batch of worm 'tea'!

Quote of the week: 'He that plants trees loves others besides himself' by Thomas Fuller.

Stay tuned for more Green Team initiatives!

On behalf of the Green Team, Thank you.

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



***Student Voice***

For the past few weeks, our Student Voice Action Team has been working very hard and have been extremely busy. The goal for us has been to make our school better by listening to input about the way that students want to learn. In the past two weeks, we have surveyed the majority of the school, using either smiley faces and an interview, or via a more in-depth computer survey. The Student Voice Action Team wants to make sure that our school is the best it can be while everyone learns in a way they feel comfortable.

The Grade 5's in the Student Voice Action Team enjoyed attending a VicSRC Alter workshop where we discussed the importance of listening to ideas from fellow peers and ways to put these ideas into action. We learnt useful tools to gain input from all students such as surveys and we brainstormed ideas for improvements at school as well as ways to make those improvements happen.

The Student Voice Action Team will continue soon with more workshops and hopefully more new ideas.

**Ruby Fitzgerald (5T)**

## **Lunchiez**

LUNCHIEZ is now available on Friday's and Monday's, starting tomorrow.

So to coincide with our new Friday availability, we are launching the 'Lunchiez Log' meal range. To see what's available simply go to <https://bit.ly/2JQLVmw> and check out our new 'Lunchiez Log' meal range. So now that you know, don't forget your Lunchiez!

**Paul Mulholland**  
**Lunchiez Proprietor**

## **Parent & Friends**

Welcome back to Term 3. We have some amazing events coming up this term. The Trivia night is a major event on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August and if you would like to be involved in helping us get ready we would greatly appreciate it. We also have the Father's Day Stall on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August for students to purchase something special. On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July we will be holding a second hand uniform stall in the afternoon from 2:30pm to 3:30pm gold coin donation for each item. If you can spare some time to help sort out and sell some uniforms please pop along Friday afternoon from 2:15pm.

Looking forward to a fun Term 3.

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



## **Unit News**

### **Unit A**

With many exciting events taking place this term, we have indeed started with a bang! It is wonderful to see all our families and students well rested after a well-deserved holiday. It is always delightful to see our student's enthusiasm to be back at school. All Unit A students are steadily settling into their usual routines and procedures.

Next week we will be celebrating our Week of Inspirational Maths. There are posters around the school as well as on Compass with important information about next week. To tie in with this special week, the Prep students will be celebrating being a Prep student at Rosewood Downs for a total of 100 days. On Wednesday, the 31<sup>st</sup> July, parents are invited to come and join in a special Maths lesson about the number 100.

This term, the Prep students' topic work will be related to family. As of this week, a 'Family Box' will be sent home with a Prep student every day. We ask that you please guide your child in filling the box with items that are significant to each member of your family. Students will present their family boxes to the grade instead of 'Show and Tell'. This activity is an excellent way to extend our student's knowledge of others, confidence and speaking and listening skills.

Thank you for the constant support from home.

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

**Unit D**

Our students have returned after their break with vigour and enthusiasm- ready to go. And what a start we have had; Parent/Teacher Interviews, An excursion to Werribee Zoo, STOMP and the introduction of our new STEM facility.

Parent/Teacher interviews were held last night. Thank you to those families who came to meet with us and discuss their child's progress. If you didn't have a chance to do so and would like to meet with us, please contact the teachers individually and arrange a time.

The Year Twos had a wonderful day at Werribee Zoo. Thank you to all those who were instrumental in bringing about this fantastic day for our students.

STOMP! How adorable our students are trying new steps and movements each week. It's a delight to watch. We can't wait to see the Whole School Performance in the hall. This event is planned for August 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm - 3:30pm.

In the coming weeks Year Twos will be researching, using our computers, the topic of 'Creatures'. They will also be creating Creatures using recycled materials.

Year Ones are studying Bugs. They too will be investigating life cycles, features and habitats.

Both grade levels are in for a stimulating time. Lots to learn, lots to explore.

Lastly we ask if you would please send to school a box of tissues with your child. As you could appreciate we use many, many tissues throughout the day.

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

Welcome back to what has been a busy term already. The students have returned from their holidays, settled in well, and have shown a great deal of resilience when coping with the wintry conditions. Stomp lessons have commenced with many of the students excited about learning new dance moves. The students are also enjoying the new rotations of the Maths/Stem activities. We have also commenced our History Topic – "The European Settlement of Australia" with a focus on Life in 18<sup>th</sup> Century Britain. After investigating one child wrote that they were grateful that they didn't live in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century!

This Friday is our annual National Tree Planting Day and students in each grade will help the environment by getting their hands dirty when planting a tree. Next week we begin our "Week of Inspirational Maths." Parents are invited to see their children participate in a lesson on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 9:00am - 10:30am. We look forward to seeing you!

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

A warm welcome back to our Unit B families! We hope you had an enjoyable holiday break and are ready for all the excitement that Term 3 brings.

We thank all the parents who attended the School Interviews on Wednesday. If you were unable to make the interviews or would like to discuss anything further, please feel free to contact the school to arrange a time to speak with your child's teacher after school or via phone.

Term 3 is already shaping up to be a busy term full of engaging activities to complement our classroom experiences:

- We have two Gala Sport Days this term as one was postponed from Term 2 due to poor weather. If you have not paid for Gala Day 2 yet, please ensure you do so soon as payment was due last term.
- Next week (Week 3) is our very special Week of Inspirational Maths. Each day next week, students will be challenged with a variety of mathematical tasks designed to encourage creative and flexible thinking while also building resilience and practising Growth Mindset. On Wednesday morning, all Unit B parents are invited to watch (and even participate!) in one of these sessions.
- Miss Todisco and the Student Voice action team have been busy training with VicSRC on how to collect data from the student body and use it to make informed decisions and actions about school improvement. There's a lot to learn, and the selected student team are doing a fantastic job.
- Some Unit B students have been assisting Heritage Kinder with their Bush Kinder program. Last week, the first sessions were held and from the reports by students and staff, the program was a great success. Congratulations to those students who went down and represented Rosewood Downs.
- The biggest part of Term 3 for Unit B is the Grade 6 Musical. The 2019 Grade 6 Musical is titled "Out of This World" and is full of dancing, singing, and aliens! Preparations have already begun with Grade 6 students receiving their scripts and learning the choreography for the 10 different musical numbers in the show. The Grade 6 students have shown great enthusiasm for this big task. Keep it up, everyone!

Looking forward to an exciting term,

**Unit B Team,**

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



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A cartoon illustration of a boy with purple hair, wearing a black shirt, sitting at a desk and playing a laptop.

A cartoon illustration of a girl with blue hair, wearing a purple shirt, sitting at a desk and playing a keyboard.





## **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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**BETTER  
TOMORROWS**

# Rosewood Downs PS

# TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

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

Tickets on sale  
 **trybooking**  
\$20 per person or  
\$160 for a table of 10

**BYO Drinks and food**  
Nibbles, tea, coffee  
and cake provided  
Event for 18 years and over

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

Remember to bring plenty of gold coins for games

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

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## Tech lab arms students for future

Students at a Dandenong North primary school will soon be working with state-of-the-art technology.

Rosewood Downs Primary School is opening a new STEM lab next month, which aims to teach children important skills for the future.

Principal Julian Growcott said the lab was integral in preparing students for future jobs. "The space will be hands-on and offer students a different range of pursuits," Mr Growcott said.

"We're really excited to be offering this as students will benefit so much from it."

He said the school planned to include virtual reality headsets and robotics.

"We aim to build up our resources and offer new responsive technologies in coming months. We're proud to be offering this and can't wait for our students to learn new skills."