



# NEWSLET F L I E R

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## End of Term Arrangements

After a school term like no other, we find ourselves just over a week away from the mid-year school holidays. As a community, we've been able to navigate our way through the challenges of remote learning and return to school better for the experience. To recognise the efforts of our students and mark the end of a very different term, we are going to finish with a fun 'Pyjama Day' on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. We invite students to wear their favourite PJs or onesie to school. We're going to have games in the hall and fun class activities prior to an early finish. Students in Group 1 with surnames beginning with A-L will start at the usual time of 8:55am and finish at 2:15pm and students in Group 2 with surnames beginning with M-Z will start at 9:10am and finish at 2:30pm. Please make sure you make alternative collection arrangements for your child if you are going to have issues picking them up at this earlier time.

ROSEWOOD DOWNS PRIMARY SCHOOL  
 > PYJAMA DAY <  
 FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE

It's been a long term and we are all very tired!  
 To thank you for all of your hard work we are having a special day to celebrate.  
 Students are invited to dress up in their favourite pyjamas and enjoy some fun activities.  
 So, slip on your flannelette and zip up your onesie, it's party time!

Pyjamas all day!

## Student-Free Curriculum Day

A reminder that the day before the end of term, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June, will be a curriculum day and no students will be attending school. Staff will be participating in a full day of professional learning. Please ensure you have made alternative care arrangements for your child/ren for this day.

## Return of Loaned Laptops and iPads

During remote learning we loaned over 80 devices to families to enable students to work online. We still have quite a few laptops and iPads that are yet to be returned to school. If you borrowed a school device for remote learning and have not returned it yet, could you please bring it back to school and leave with Shelby in the front office.

## Responsible Driving Around School

Dandenong Council are currently conducting a parking inspection blitz at local schools. This blitz includes Rosewood Downs so we have had parking inspectors patrolling Murray Road, morning and afternoon, all week. They are booking drivers who use the disabled carparks without a valid permit, drivers parking in the 'drop and go' zones, and drivers stopping in front of driveways and in the bus zone. After speaking to the inspectors on duty, I have been informed that they will be patrolling for the rest of this week and then have a presence at least once a week for the remainder of the year. Please do the right thing whilst dropping off and collecting your children and obey the parking regulations in Murray Road. It is a \$168 fine if you pull over or park in any of the regulated zones.

### Forward Planning for Term 3

As Term 2 draws to a close, we have begun planning and preparing for Term 3. Although we have a range of activities and events planned, it is hard to know exactly what may go ahead due to the ongoing community restrictions which are yet to be eased or lifted. Despite requiring a bit of guess-work, we have been able to confirm a number of events which will go ahead, even if we need to make some accommodations for the physical distancing of adults in the school.

**Below is a list of activities which will be going ahead in Term 3;**

- STOMP Dance Program
  - Term 3, Week 1-5
  - Final performance - yet to be confirmed
- Year 6 Musical
  - Term 3, Week 9
  - In the School Hall
  - Matinee performance for Prep to Grade 5 students
  - Night show for adult audience - yet to be confirmed
- Life Education Victoria
  - Term 3, Week 2-3
  - No van visit
  - Lessons to take place in the Library
- Unit C Camp – Camp ADANAC
  - School camps have reopened
  - Scheduled to take place from 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> of August, but **dependent on meeting minimum student numbers**
- Student Progress Interviews
  - Early in Term 3
  - May take place via phone or video call – yet to be confirmed

**There are a number of other activities that we are not sure will return to our day-to-day operations in Term 3. This includes;**

- School assemblies
- Parent classroom helpers
- Interschool sports activities
- Rosewood Readers/Musos/Playgroup
- Excursions to public places



We are awaiting updated advice and guidelines from the Department in coming weeks. As soon as we get any news, I will be sure to pass this information on to families. It is likely that the Department will want to continue minimising the number of adults visiting the school for at least some of Term 3 to reduce the risk of potential virus transmission, but will await any updates to guidelines. We're hopeful that we will see things returning closer to normal as Term 3 progresses, but a cautious approach to easing restrictions makes sense, given we've done so well as a state to prevent the spread of coronavirus thus far. I will keep you up to date with any further developments from the Department as they come to hand.

Julian Growcott  
Principal