



NEWSLETTER

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Week Seven

With Week Seven coming to an end, we now move into the final month of the school year. Although it will no doubt whizz by and Christmas will be upon us before we know it, we still have quite a few exciting events on our calendar to make sure we see the 2020 school year out on a high.

We're very excited to be welcoming our 2021 Prep students to school next week for the first of two transition sessions. Although our transition program has been modified this year due to the curse of the coronavirus, it will nevertheless be exciting to see our new group of Preps coming in to get their first taste of what 'big school' will be like. If you have a Prep student starting school next year and have not yet booked in your sessions, please call Shelby at the office as soon as possible.

As we get ready to welcome our new Prep students to Rosewood Downs, we're also preparing to farewell our Grade 6 students who have only four weeks of primary schooling left. Although they're very excited about beginning their secondary school journeys, it's also an occasion tinged with some sadness, as most of them have been at Rosewood Downs for seven years. Once again, the COVID-curse has meant that we need to provide a somewhat different graduation for our Grade 6 students. With restrictions still in place, we will be holding an outdoor event with only staff and students in attendance. Our plans are now nearly finalised for an 'alfresco' dinner, ceremony and open-air disco which will be taking place on the evening of the 8th of December. We will be recording the events of the evening and will provide a video of the graduation for families following the event. More information for parents of Grade 6 students will be coming soon.

Finally, a friendly reminder for all families regarding foot and vehicle traffic around the school. The Department guidelines still require schools to restrict all but essential visitors on-site and parents are not allowed in the school without prior arrangement. Please make sure you call the office and make an appointment if you need to enter the school grounds. Please also ensure that you are physical distancing, wearing a mask correctly and not congregating near entry and exit points if you are waiting for your child after school. Your cooperation and understanding with this matter is much appreciated. You may also

have noticed that council parking inspectors are regularly attending during drop-off and pick-up times and are issuing fines to motorists doing the wrong thing. So please do the right thing!!

Green Team news

We are happy to report that our new composting system is going well. Students at our school are understanding that certain fruits cannot go into our compost bins. Citrus fruits and citrus fruit peels are not a good choice for feeding our composting worms. Do you want to know why? It's because the fruit of citrus trees is highly acidic, and this acid is irritating to our red composting worms as it breaks down in the soil.

Next week, some of the Green Team members will run a short workshop in the Unit C garden at lunchtime for any students interested in seeing our red wigglers in action. Who knows, students might be chosen to use the compost aerator to mix our organic waste!

We also started our first open-air 'Green Library' this week where Green Team members welcomed students at lunchtime to sit down and enjoy environmental picture books. We recently started building our collection of books which includes gardening books, how to reduce plastic use and recycling art just to name a few and we hope to add more inspiring books to our library next year.



Lastly, Alannah from 5T would like to share one small change she has made to live more sustainably this year:

"Hello everybody! This year I decided not to use plastic straws anymore as it's not good for our sea life and it endangers our turtles and sea birds. Most plastic straws wash up on beaches which means that the seagulls often get the straws or other plastic waste wrapped around their legs."

On behalf of the GREEN TEAM, thank you.

'Students of the Week' and birthdays!!

This week our 'Student of the Week' awards go to - for showing the value of **CARE AND COMPASSION**;

Unit A	Unit B	Unit C	Unit D
Coco M	Sarah N	Lana D	Nikoletta F



Our birthdays this week are;

Josh from Prep, **Filip** from Grade 4 and **Sedra** from Grade 3

Unit C news

It's hard to believe that there are only 4 weeks left in the school year. Despite this the children have continued to work well. However, there is one thing that is concerning us – a lot of children are not reading regularly at home and are failing to complete and submit their home reading journals when asked. Research shows the **importance of reading** on a daily basis in developing children's use and understanding of vocabulary, and it will help them in all areas of school. We ask you to ensure that your child reads for at least 30 minutes each night.

During this week the students have presented their animal dioramas to their peers. It's amazing how much they have learned and how fantastic their dioramas look. We are extremely proud of their efforts. We are now commencing our Geography unit on Australia where we will explore the different environments and features of this wonderful country. We hope the children will enjoy the activities we have planned.

Next week we will be starting another series of rotations in Environmental Studies. One of the planned activities will be "Recycled Art". We are asking the children to bring any recyclable materials including plastic bottles, containers, boxes, lunch wrap rolls, etc so that they can create their masterpieces.

Unit A news

In Unit A we have been focusing on friendship and co-operation. Our emotions are significantly affected by our relationships, and the children have been encouraged to think about ways in which we can support our peers and include others. Carefully selected literature, developmental play sessions and co-operative learning tasks have provided support for the children to initiate and consolidate friendships.

We have also been doing lots of writing and we have many budding authors who are now embracing the opportunity to express themselves through their writing.

The paints have come out this term and we are seeing some delightful results. Bright, bold paintings adorn our Unit and will gradually make their way home to be shared with family.

The warmer weather has arrived and we kindly ask that the children are dressed appropriately, have a full water bottle, sunscreen and a hat.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

The Unit A Team



Enjoy your weekend,

Julian Grout

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