



NEWSLETTER

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Week Eight

We're now eight weeks down of the term, and there's only three weeks left until we wrap the school year. It has been a refreshing change this week to see parents' smiles during drop-off and pick-ups after spending such a long time with our faces covered up by masks!

With no coronavirus cases in Victoria now, the Department has announced a number of eased restrictions for schools in line with increased community freedoms. After such a long period operating under COVID-safe conditions, we are reluctant to change too many routines and processes at this late stage of the year as things have been running very smoothly. However, there are a couple of changes that will take place starting from next week. Parents will now be allowed to come into the office with any inquiries or to make payments. Please ensure you are wearing your mask if you enter the office though. We will also be turning the drinking taps back on so there's no need for students to carry their drink bottles during recess times. We are now also able to offer school tours for new families and students, so if you would like a tour of the school in the next few weeks, or know of prospective families who do, please get in touch with us.

As we look towards 2021, we are very excited by the recent government announcement in regard to the new Tutoring in Schools Program. The focus of the tutoring work will be on ensuring that any students who may have been negatively impacted in their learning during the remote period, are targeted for specific intervention. At RDPS, we will develop our program, and employ tutors best suited to the specific needs of our students.

Today saw the return of 'Frozen Fridays' and we had lots of kids take advantage of the sugar-free Zooper Doopers on sale at lunchtime. With the temperatures heating up again, we plan on selling Zooper Doopers for the next couple of Fridays. The Junior School Council coordinate and manage the selling of Zooper Doopers and all proceeds will go towards planned playground upgrades in 2021. Zooper Doopers are \$1 each.

'Students of the Week' and birthdays!!

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

Unit A	Unit B	Unit C	Unit D
Vukasin P	Oliver D	Daniela T	Ruzie K



Our birthdays this week are;

Coco and **Zoe M** from Prep and **Katarina** from Grade 5

Unit C news

This week sees the beginning of our "Recycled Art" activity in our Environmental Studies. Students are still encouraged to bring in recyclable materials such as plastic bottles, containers, boxes etc. to be able to create a recyclable masterpiece.

The Unit C Garden is a major focus for all Unit C students where they are responsible for our chickens and the garden areas. The Unit C students have been working hard over the last few weeks to get our Unit C Garden back up to scratch and we are eagerly awaiting our tomato plants to fruit.

Last week we noted our concern with the decline of reading at home, however this week we are happy to say we have seen an increase of reading journals being brought to school. We thank you for this and ask that students continue to bring them in for the remaining 3 weeks of term.

Students and teachers in Unit C are looking forward to doing a variety of activities over the next few weeks to conclude our 2020 school year.

Unit B news

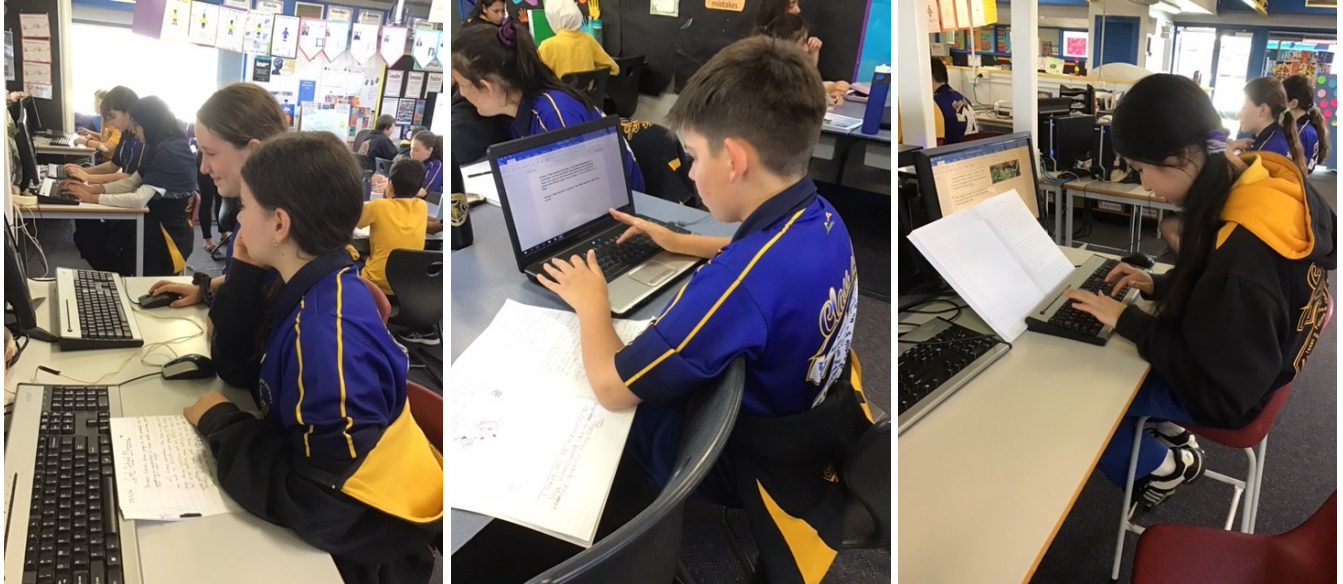
Grade 6 – By Ruby

Now that the Grade 6's have nearly completed seven great years at Rosewood Downs, we're all extremely excited for our graduation, which celebrates our time as students at such a great school. From our first day, taking photos on the playground, to becoming leaders of the school and role models, it is nearly time to say goodbye before going to high school with a new group of students. But before we all leave the teachers have great celebration planned to celebrate our years as students at Rosewood Downs. With all the Grade 6's dressed up for the event, it is going to be a great evening with pizza, ice cream, cupcakes and a disco at the end where we can all party together one last time. It is going to be a blast and a great opportunity for the Grade 6's to have a good time before graduating and heading off to secondary school, where we will be the younger students all over again!

Grade 6 – By Hadden

This week the grade fives were writing their leadership letters to decide what role they would like in 2021. Before they started the letters the grade sixes came and discussed what values you have to have and what you do in these roles. The grade fives firstly need to write a draft and then they type it up on the computer and print it out. The teachers will give the letter to Mr Growcott for all the teachers to discuss, they will look at things like the behaviour, values they show and how hard they work.

Here are some photos of the Grade 5's and 6's working hard within the unit on Leadership letters, Geography Projects, and during Literacy Groups.



Unit A news

It has been another busy week in Unit A. The Prep students have been excitedly preparing for their Prep Breakfast this Friday morning. This is the first step in their camp experience at Rosewood Downs and something everyone is looking forward to. They have also had a big focus on "Show and Tell" and have enjoyed bringing in their toys and other special items from home for all the grade to see.





The Grade One children have been focusing on Persuasive Writing. They have been working on determining the difference between facts and opinions, and how to form reasons to support their arguments. There have been some interesting debates about “Would you rather play outside or inside?” and “Would you rather a pet cat or dog?”. All the children have enjoyed the opportunity to argue their opinions and convince their friends and teachers!

Green Team news

Our open-air Green library has now gained momentum and children are enjoying these sessions at lunchtime and this week, our Green Team students started another workshop called ‘Meet our worms’. So on Wednesdays, students are invited to come and hold the red worms and even use the aerating tool in our compost pods. Some members are also available to explain how it all works. We had some curious little preps ready to hold our red wrigglers!

Part of the commitment of joining the Green Team was to make a small change to live more sustainably. Below are the changes that Lennox and Emonefe have incorporated in their own lives.

Lennox: “Because of climate change, we want to make our food more sustainable. In my opinion, climate change and buying food that is not grown sustainably is a problem. When we had to go into lockdown, my family made a vegetable garden in our backyard. It has lots of different fruit and vegetables such as artichokes, tomatoes, onions, spinach, bok choy, lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, peas and more. It also has herbs such as coriander, parsley, thyme and bay leaves.”

Emonefe: “This year, we started growing fruit trees in our garden such as mandarins, nectarines and lemons. I bring them to school for fruit time and I also have nude food in my lunchbox as plastic wrappers are bad for the environment.”

On behalf of the GREEN TEAM, thank you.

Enjoy your weekend,

Julian

