



NEWSLETTER

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Week Four

Week Four has just whizzed by and was quite hectic. Luckily, students will get a **four day weekend, with a curriculum day taking place on Monday and the Melbourne Cup holiday on Tuesday**. That means that students end up with a three-day working week once they return after the extra-long weekend.

We had school photos on Thursday, with class, sibling and individual portraits done during the day. Although 2020 has not turned out like anybody would have expected, it will be nice for families to have the traditional school photos to commemorate this extraordinary year.

Today has been World Teachers' Day which provided us with a great opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the commitment and dedication shown by the wonderful staff at Rosewood Downs. Our staff work really hard to educate and support all our students, whether it is face-to-face teaching or remote learning, as has been the case this year. On behalf of the staff, thanks to the families and students who passed on their appreciation during the day.



Thank You

Parent Opinion Survey

The Parent Opinion Survey has this year been made available for all parents to complete online. I sent a link home to all families inviting you to participate in this survey via Compass and in last week's newsletter. At this stage there has only been 10 responses even though the survey was distributed to over 200 parents. I'd really appreciate it if you take a few minutes of your day to complete the survey.

You can access the survey via the newsfeed Compass post, or you can go to <https://www.orima.com.au/parent>, select '**Rosewood Downs Primary School**' and then enter the PIN **748662**. I look forward to hearing your thoughts and opinions which will be reported back to the school later in the year.

2021 Prep enrolments

We are still taking enrolments for 2021 Prep students and will be beginning an onsite transition program later in November. If you have a child who will be beginning Prep in 2021 but are yet to enrol, please get in touch so that we can get the process underway. If you know of any families who have a child ready to start Prep in 2021 but are yet to decide on a school, please encourage them to give us a call or let them know that we have a number of informative videos on our website that they may like to watch.

New seating

Late last week, we took delivery of some new seating for the school. Mr Campbell and I installed this seating in the quiet area and around our new feature maple tree at the front of the school. There are still a number of upgrades and improvements on the way which we will hopefully have completed before the end of the year.



'Students of the Week' and birthdays!!

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



Zena EK from Unit A
Kai E from Unit D
Filip M from Unit C
Keerthikan T from Unit B

Our birthdays this week are;
Emilia from Grade 4 and **Tess** from Grade 6.

Unit A news

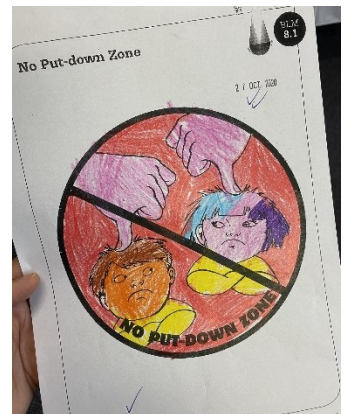
It was quite incredible to see how quickly our students settled back into their respective grades in Unit A for this full week of learning!

As you know, at the moment, we are focusing mainly on literacy, numeracy and wellbeing to catch up on the children's learning as well as build emotional resilience. Please don't be surprised if they come back home to you completely depleted! We are also reminding the children about the school rules and how to be a great friend with our 'No Put Down' approach.

With the recent easing of restrictions, it is pleasing to read or listen to students talk about their many projects that they look forward to. Their weekly weekend writing recounts are about to become a lot more eventful and interesting!

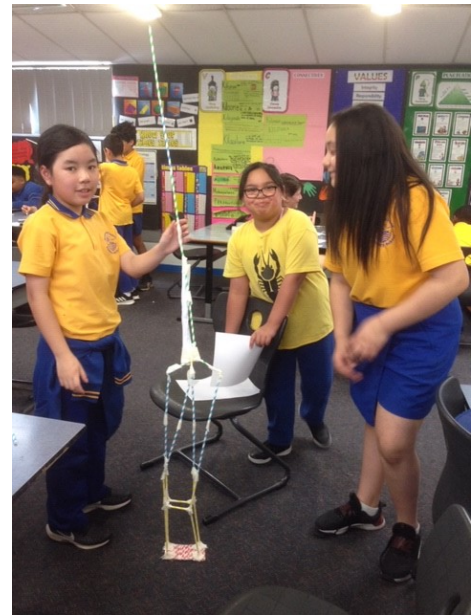
This week, the students were delighted to have their school photos taken alongside their peers and teachers. We are happy that they will have a memento from this very unusual year!

As always, we thank our families for their ongoing support. From the Unit A team



Unit B news

Our Unit B have settled in very quickly to their usual routines and are looking forward to making the most of the last seven weeks of term. The Unit B students are enjoying STEM every Friday. Today's challenge was to build the highest free-standing structure with limited materials. The students did a great job and really enjoyed the activity, with the winning free-standing structure standing about 1.2m tall.



Unit D news

Everyone has done such a wonderful job of coming back to school and quickly getting in the groove of our routines and expectations.

One of the many areas of focus is our Writing. Grade 2 are currently working on Persuasive texts and Grade 1 is looking at Procedural texts.

We welcome a new student to Unit D. Arad has moved into the area and is in 1 PT. We wish him all the best and hope he feels a part of our amazing school.

Could we please ask that all Reading Satchels be returned to school as soon as possible so that the home reading can be recommenced? Also...we need tissues please. If you could spare a box of tissues that would be great.

Thank you everyone for all your love, support and patience with our remote learning experience- you were all so amazing. The Unit D team

Sport news

It is great to have all of the students back for face-to-face lessons this term. Well done to so many of the students for sharing pictures, videos and messages of all of the different activities they were doing at home during remote learning. I hope that you continue to keep fit and healthy with daily exercise.

Please remember to bring in your drink bottles and hats each day. These are needed in the yard at the recess and lunch breaks and during PE lessons. With the warmer weather coming it is important to keep hydrated and sun smart when we are outside being active.

This term the Prep to Grade 2 students will be focusing on gymnastics in our PE and Sport sessions. The Grade 3 to 6 students will be working on the skills, rules and strategies in a number of non-contact team sports.

Thank you to everyone for wearing your team colours to school last week. Congratulations to Richmond Tigers and Melbourne Storm supporters, I hope you enjoyed watching your teams win their respective premierships.

