



NEWSLETTER

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SICK BAY LINEN - FRIDAYS

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| Friday 23 rd February | Issabelle Nonya |
| Friday 2 nd February | Kimberley Becker |

Dates for Your Diary

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| Thursday | 22 nd | February | Welcome Picnic 'Fun Family Activities' | 5:00pm – 6:30pm |
| Monday | 26 th | February | AFL Player Visit (Grade 5) | 1:40pm – 2:20pm |
| | | | AFL Player Visit (Grade 6) | 2:20pm – 3:00pm |
| Friday | 9 th | March | Division Swimming Trials | |
| Thursday | 8 th | March | Student Goal Setting Interviews | 2:00pm – 7:00pm |
| Friday | 9 th | March | Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day) | |
| Monday | 12 th | March | Labour Day – Public Holiday | |

WELCOME BBQ/PICNIC SCHOOL OVAL 'TONIGHT' 5:00pm - 6.30pm



Come along and meet our Rosewood Downs Staff and other families. Bring along your chairs and picnic dinner or buy your dinner at our barbeque. (Sausages, including Halal and drinks available)

Families are encouraged to join in a variety of races and relays such as 'chain relay', egg and spoon race etc. Sign up for these fun events on arrival at the picnic.



You can also buy raffle tickets for 50 cents each, at the picnic. If your name is drawn out, you will be able to pick your favourite board game; there are 10 prizes to be won! The raffle will be drawn at about 6.15pm.

At Rosewood Downs, Kids and their Families Matter, so please come along and join in this special event. We appreciate your support in making this an alcohol free event. If it is raining on Thursday at 5.00pm, please note that this event will be postponed and then re-scheduled. (A notification will be sent on Flexi buzz if the event is postponed)



School Council

Nominations for School Council have now closed and we have two members Christine Gramberg and Kimberley Becker who have renominated. I would like to thank all of our School Council members for their hard work and contribution to the school.

CSEF - CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Application forms were sent home last week, but extra forms are available from the front office.

How to apply for CSEF?

1. Completed Application Forms need to be returned to the school, with proof of a current concession card.
2. We need to photocopy your valid concession card so please bring this card with you. Please do not just send the form to school with your child.
3. Parents are encouraged to lodge the application form as soon as possible, because the sooner you lodge the form, the sooner the payment is available to help cover the cost of school trips, camps and sporting activities.
4. The closing date for applications is 22nd June 2018. No late applications can be accepted.

Please use the School Crossing



Please ensure that your children are using the school crossing when crossing the road. We have had several reports of children crossing the road at the bottom of Murray Road. Elaine our Crossing Supervisor is usually at the crossing until about 9:15am. If you happen to arrive at school after this time, I ask that parents supervise their children crossing the road.

Helen Casey
Principal

KidsMatter



Garden, Learn English, Plant and Cook

Come and join us, to maintain our Community Garden at Rosewood Downs Primary School!

Learn English

Learn to plant and grow herbs and vegetables and how to cook with the produce.

Bring cuttings or seedlings and gloves from home.

Help Rosewood Downs to set up their new plantings in their community garden.



Friday 23rd February 2018
9:15am to 11:15am
FREE



Families Matter
at Rosewood Downs Primary School

Networking and Connecting for Parents and Carers
Australian Primary School Mental Health Initiative

Music Award & Music News

Makayla Johnston, Vishaan Panditharathne, Paarth Walia, Rafaella Villegas, Regan Skinner, May Pham, lyla Hayes, Dev Walia, Andrea Ivezic, Marin Palinic, Janith Amarasinghe and Elina Kirichian

Anita Chan – Music Coordinator

Sport Awards & News

Aiden Bobby, Ash Jayasinghe, Sara Babalj, Janith Amarasinghe, Kristian Ferraro, Douglas Robertson-Watters, Grace Dong, Kannan Vasavan, Mikailo Trakilovic, Vlatko Ristevski, Rajko Jovanov, Max Mondon

SPORT NEWS

AFL player visit – Read Like a Demon

On Monday, 26th February, all students in Unit B will be receiving a visit from some AFL players. They will be working with the Grade 5 students from 1:40pm until 2:20pm and the Grade 6 students from 2:20pm until 3:00pm in the dance studio.

This visit is part of Melbourne Football Club's community work, in which the playing group visits schools in the Greater City of Dandenong and the City of Casey. They will be conducting the industry leading Read Like a Demon program, which encourages children to celebrate literacy.

The players will be emphasising the benefits associated with reading regularly. They will also focus on leadership skills and goal setting with the students.

Students are welcome to bring along football jumpers of their chosen team to wear for the afternoon session, but normal school uniform is required for the rest of the day. The players will sign a photo page, which will be copied for all students, so there will be no jumper signing on the day.

Greater Dandenong Division Swimming Trials – Friday 9th March

We will be announcing our Swimming Team soon. They will be competing at the Noble Park swimming pool against students from around the Greater Dandenong Division. To qualify students need to have Squad level or equivalent grading in the correct swimming techniques over 50m. Each student selected can enter in a maximum of 2 individual events plus a relay. There is also a maximum of 1 student from each school in each race classification.

Lindsay Campbell - Sport Coordinator

Art Awards & News

Jamila Kobeissi, Nenad Vukosavljevic, Sophie Fitzgerald, Amy Zhang, Cody Interligi, Maria Milkovic, Austin Tran, Cindy Zhu, Chloe Cashman, Samira Tabit

Parents & Friends Association

Parents and Friends are looking for some new members to boost our numbers. We are involved in many different events throughout the school year and without new volunteers these events will cease to run. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 22nd February at 9.15am in the Hall Foyer after assembly. This is a very casual meeting, we have coffee, share ideas, as well as begin to choose the items we wish to order for the Mother's Day stall. Please join us, don't be shy, we are



a group of parents formed for the parents, care givers and students to support the school community. We have also partnered with the Dandenong Neighbourhood House with a lot of educational programs such as English lessons, gardening lessons in our Community Garden, cooking lessons, CFA fire safety information plus many more. Our first



class will be held on Friday 23rd February at 9:30am in the hall where we will regenerate the community garden and plant vegetables and herbs which we will then use with our cooking classes later in the term.

Allison Esmonde – PFA President

School Banking



This week a flyer from the Commonwealth Bank was sent home to the eldest child in each family and to all of the prep students. This flier provides information about the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program including how to open a youthsaver account for your child and this year's rewards card for our existing bankers.

Did you know that the Commonwealth Bank pays our school commission for each new student account opened and for every deposit made to your child's account via the school banking program.

Please get involved with a Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program. If you would like more information please see Michelle Marsh or speak to one of our School Banking coordinators in the staff room every Wednesday morning.

School banking is processed every Wednesday.

Happy Banking 😊

Michelle Marsh

Unit News

Unit A

We have had a busy few weeks in Unit A! The Preps are now becoming familiar with the school's rules and routines. Prep students are now allowed to play in all areas of the schoolyard at recess and lunchtimes. They are enjoying playing on the pirate ship and the sand pit. Our Grade 1 students have been great role models for our new students.

Prep students are now allowed to order lunch orders from the canteen. If you are sending your child to school with a lunch order please remember to pack fruit and snack as lunch orders are for lunch only. Students are also allowed to bring in money to buy food at the canteen. Juicy cups are very popular amongst the students, however we encourage prep students to only buy them at lunchtime play. They take a long time for preps to eat! If Prep students are bringing money to school, we recommend that they only bring \$1 or \$2 a day. A friendly reminder that we also do not share food at school or buy food for other children.

Our Prep students have started to attend assembly each morning with the rest of the school. Please take your child straight to assembly each morning with their bag.

Monday – Hall
Tuesday – Outside Basketball Court
Wednesday – Hall
Thursday – Outside Basketball Court
Friday – Outside Basketball Court (House Assembly)

As you may be aware, a number of teachers are choosing to use ClassDojo as a reward system and as a means of communication with families. Please note however, this is a personal choice for teachers. The

teachers in Unit A will not be using ClassDojo as we have our own reward system and prefer to communicate directly with parents.

In the coming weeks, Prep students will be given their take home reading bags. Grade 1 students already have their take home reading bags and should be reading every night to a family member. Please make a personal comment each night they are reading to help us keep track of their progress.

We look forward to seeing lots of our Unit A families at the Welcome Picnic!

Unit A Team

Ashlee Rumney (Prep R), Linda Harrison (Prep H) and Chanté Smith (Prep/1S)

Unit B

Things are running nice and smoothly in Unit B and it's hard to imagine that we are already almost half way through the term.

Firstly, thank you to all the families who have brought in tissue boxes and donated board games. We are still looking for more donations, so please feel free to bring in any games you no longer want or need.

We have a lot of interesting units of work happening this term. The students have enjoyed continuing to learn about mindsets and neuroplasticity as part of our ThinkPlus lessons. There has been a lot of interest in our inquiry unit for science. The students have role-played being detectives and investigated 'mess scenes'.

Finally, the interest in the Unit B Wonderwall has been overwhelming. We are in the process of developing an app for smart phones as well as a 'deli style' ticketing system for anyone who wishes to come and view this work of art.

Thank you from the Unit B Team,

Brenda Brighton (6B), Shaun Pepper (6P), Mia Todisco (5T), Carly Pinwill & Jo Ford (5PF)

Unit C

It's been a very busy few weeks in Unit C, as all the children settle in to their new grades and our teaching programs bed down. It seems a very happy place for all of us as the year takes off.

All grades in Unit C will be electing a Junior School Council representative this week. The children have been asked to prepare a short speech if they would like to be nominated.

If you haven't had a chance to return your expression of interest for Camp Adanac yet, please do so as soon as you can, even if your child is not attending. Please be on the look out for further information regarding camp coming soon.

Parents please be aware that jewellery, nail polish and large, non-school coloured ribbons are not part of the school uniform.

We are all looking forward to seeing as many families as possible at our Welcome Picnic on Thursday. It will be lovely to reconnect after the holidays or to speak for the first time.

Unit C Team,

Mrs Maddy Hartmann (2/3H), Mrs Dianne McCulloch (3M), Ms Gail Fitzpatrick (4F) & Miss Caitlyn Marsham (4M)

Unit D

We are nearly half way through Term 1 and Unit D students have all been working studiously for the past 4 weeks. They have settled in nicely and are respecting the rules and protocols of our Unit.

Grade 1s are currently completing their unit of study on 'The First Australians' which covers Aboriginal Australian history, Dreamtime and Aboriginal Art. They have shown particular interest in pigments used to create aboriginal painting. We were very fortunate to be able to handle genuine Aboriginal artefacts.

We would like to say thank you to our Grade 1 families for all the tissue boxes that were kindly donated and also express our gratitude for the lovely feedback that we have received in the past 2 weeks.

Grade 2s are now learning about how family life has changed over recent times. We would be grateful if you could send a box of tissues with your child as we do go through many.

We also kindly ask that you send your child with a piece of fruit (e.g. apple, banana, strawberries etc...) everyday for their 10:00am fruit break as we have noticed that some students do not have fruit in their lunch boxes.

Lastly, in regards to 'Take Home Reading', please note that Unit D students are responsible for changing their books and bringing in their reading satchels daily. The bookbins are clearly labelled with the reading levels and we would appreciate your support in encouraging your child to choose a good-fit book.

Occasionally, your child might bring home a book that is either too easy or too hard. It might be because we would like your child to leisurely read an easier book hence experiencing success or it could be that we would like your child to build his/her reading stamina and challenge himself/herself with a harder book.

Thank you for recording their daily reading in their reading journals.

We would like to remind you that this Thursday, the school will be holding our annual school picnic. We are looking forward to seeing all of you there and don't forget to purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win a board game!

Have a lovely end to this week!

Unit D Team

Mary Chan (1C), Terrie Palmer-Tanner (1PT), Karen Woodhouse (2W)