



NEWSLETTER

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SICK BAY LINEN - FRIDAYS

Friday 24 th February	Allison Esmonde
Fri 3 rd March	Michelle Marsh

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday	23 rd Feb	Welcome BBQ 5.00pm – 6.30pm
Friday	24 th Mar	Rosewood Playgroup – Dance Studio at 3.00pm
Monday	27 th Feb	PMP Information Session for Prep parents – 3.00pm in the Staffroom
Thursday	2 nd Mar	AGM School Council – straight after assembly
Friday	3 rd Mar	Rosewood Readers – Library at 3.00pm
Monday	6 th Mar	JSC Badge Presentations
Monday	6 th Mar	Events Committee Meeting – straight after school
Thursday	9 th Mar	Student/Goal Setting Interviews 2pm – 7pm
Friday	10 th Mar	Division Swimming – Noble Park Aquatic Centre
Friday	10 th Mar	Curriculum Day- (Pupil Free Day)
Monday	13 th Mar	Labour Day - Public Holiday (Pupil Free Day)
Tuesday	14 th Mar	SEDA Basketball Clinics – Grades 3-6
Friday	17 th Mar	SEDA Basketball Clinics – Grade 5-6
Friday	17 th Mar	Crazy Hair Day & School Disco
Thursday	23 rd Mar	Mindfulness Special Day/Evening - for students and parents
Friday	24 th Mar	School Cross Country and Fun Run
Wednesday	29 th Mar	Region Swimming
Friday	31 st Mar	Last Day of Term with Hat Parade Finish 2.30pm



Curriculum Day- Friday March 10th (Pupil Free Day)

On Friday March 10th we will be having a Curriculum Day. **This will be a pupil free day.**



Welcome BBQ Tonight!!!!

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 to purchase.) Families are encouraged to join in a variety of games. We appreciate your support in making this an alcohol free event. At Rosewood Downs, Kids and their Families Matter, so please come along and join in the special 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 Tqbiz if the event is postponed).

School Council

Nominations for School Council have now closed and we have four returning members, Lorraine Thompson, Michelle Marsh, Allison Esmonde and Gosia Zastawnik. Mr Growcott will also be returning to Council. I would like to thank all of our School Council members for their hard work and contribution to the school.



'Immunisation Certificates- Important Information' I am seeking your co-operation in ensuring we have a record of your child's immunisation status on file. Please be aware that if we do not have a copy of your child's immunisation certificate then your child may be excluded from attending school for up to 14 days, if there is an outbreak of measles in the school community.

Reminder letters regarding immunisation certificates have been posted home. If you receive a reminder, please bring your child/children's immunisation certificate into the office **as soon as possible**.

CSEF- CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND 2017- IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a **valid** means tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you **may** be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities that benefit the child. The annual CSEF amount **per student is \$125** for primary school students. If you are eligible for CSEF then you need to apply every year. *Even if you received CSEF in 2016.* Application forms were sent home last week. **Completed Application Forms need to be returned to the school with proof of a current concession card.**



We need to see your Concession Card and photocopy it, so please bring this with you.

(Some parents have just sent the form and unfortunately we cannot proceed with the application without seeing your valid concession card) You are encouraged to lodge the application form as soon as possible. The Closing Date for applications is June 30th 2017. Extra forms are available from the front office.

ThinkPlus



Green Hat Workshop By Lanny 4 P

At our Green Hat Workshop, Andrew showed us how to make structures without using any joining materials. First we did some warm ups for our fingers, we tried to stand one plank on another and we crossed planks over. Next we had to make a car using the planks. The way placed the planks kept the car together. Andrew taught us about Science and how gravity pulls things down. If you build a structure the gravity will help hold it together. We used our imagination to make buildings, railways, boats, animals, staircases or anything!

Because we were all learning something new it was hard work and a bit of a struggle. We kept trying and helping one another and we all made something great.



The Green Hat Workshop certainly challenged our students to stretch themselves outside their comfort zone.

The following link will show you some amazing videos.

<http://www.greenhatworkshop.com/videos>

ThinkPlus Action Team





Rosewood Down Staff are looking forward to meeting all our families at our Welcome Picnic. Please take this opportunity to connect with other families and create a positive school community at Rosewood Downs.

Enjoy dinner at school with a sausage cooked by our staff or bring along your own picnic. Our Welcome Picnic is a relaxing night to meet up with friends and make new friends. There will be a variety of games for everyone to enjoy. The weather report looks great so see you all at school on Thursday 23rd February, between 5.00pm – 6.30pm.

Watch this space!!

KidsMatter Special Event 23rd March

Mindfulness for all our Rosewood Downs Community

- ✚ Special Day for all students
- ✚ Events for parents

Details to follow!



Kids Matter Action Team

Events Committee

Thank you to the staff and parents who attended our first Special Events Committee meeting last Monday. We are in the process of planning our events for this year and we welcome all parents to become involved and bring new ideas to our team. Our next meeting will be held on Monday 6th March at 3:45pm in the staffroom. We look forward to seeing you there.

Lindsay Campbell, Maddy Hartmann, Ashlee Rumney, Brenda Brighton, Mary Chan and Liz O'Meara

Student of the Week

The following students received Student of the Week Awards:

Doing your Best

Yuri Bou Hussein, Sebastian Boersch Quadara, Yianni Rozakis, Luka Mimic

Care and Compassion

Ana Dimitrijevic, Amreeta Bobby, Ahmed Majeed, Sophie West

Caught You Being Kind Award

Jonah Parata and Sikander Jhajj were 'Caught being Kind'. Well done Jonah & Sikander.

Music Award & Music News

Todor Tomic, Mikayla Beart, Joseph Arhuere, Celeste Looi, Kyra Redden, Monique Zarifopoulos
Liam Farrier, Brianna Wilson, Jamie Dawson, Alex Kodye, Bradley Barbera, Milan Milanovic.

Dear parents and friends. Do you have any band instruments such as bass guitar, saxophone, flute, trumpet or clarinet that haven't been used in a while? we would be grateful if you could donate it to the school to help expand our band program.

Anita Chan – Music & Lote Coordinator

Sport Awards & News

Dev Walia, Kai Edwards, Rafaella Villegas, Lily Black, Didier Savrimoutou, Peter Kranias
Jamila Kobeissi, Deen Cerim, Aref Abdoul Hak, Chanel Jongue, Aleisha Zhou, Alex Calderon, Tarkyn Roden

SPORT NEWS

PMP Information Session – Monday 27th February at 3:00pm in the Staffroom

All Prep parents are invited to a Perceptual Motor Program information session. The session will give parents an overview of PMP, its aims and objectives and the role of parent helpers.

Our PMP Program is held every Monday between 2:30 and 3:30pm and needs parent helpers for children to gain maximum benefit from the activities. We can recommend the session to all Prep parents, not just those parents able to help with our PMP program. Please come along and gain a greater understanding of how your child learns so that you can assist them in their learning.
We look forward to your attendance.

Kilometre Club

The Kilometre Club will be starting again next week. It will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week during recess time. It will be a great chance for students wanting to get extra practise in before our House Cross Country event next month.

Please see the attached information.

Lindsay Campbell - Sport Coordinator

Art News

We are still looking for some items that you might have at home and no longer have a use for.
We need:

- medium sized glass jars
- brightly coloured pool noodles
- large tins (catering size soup or milo)
- coloured netting, voile or organza
- margarine, yoghurt and ice-cream containers with lids
- clear plastic shopping bags
- clear plastic shower caps (like those from hotels)
- shells
- stick-like (those spiky ones) artificial plants
- party lanterns

You are also most welcome to help out in the art room.

Debbie and the student Art Team (Peter, Tijana, Shaylee, Jacinta, Tamara)

Junior School Council

We have new members in our Junior School Council this year. They will be representing their class and will be meeting regularly to help organize and run many great events this year. They are:

3O Tazmeen Khan
3F Sara Babalj
4R Janith Amarasinghe
4P Mia Souleiman
5B May Pham
5FP Niko Ntotas

Congratulations to these students for being elected to represent their class. Please make sure you help support our representatives and let them know of any ideas you may have to make Rosewood Downs the best school. They will be presented with their badges of office at assembly on Monday 6th March.

Save the Date – Hat Parade – Friday 31st March

On the last day of Term 1 we will be holding our annual Hat Parade in support of the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. We will be announcing this year's theme soon so everyone can get started making their hats.

Thank you,

Lindsay Campbell and the JSC Captains

Parents & Friends Association



Parents and Friends

What a great start we have had for the new school year. Lots of fun activities are planned. We have a lot of exciting school events coming up and we would love to welcome some new parents to our PFA meetings. Also we have plenty of left over second hand good quality uniforms for sale, if you would like to arrange to pick up a bargain come along to our PFA meeting on Thursday morning.

Allison Esmonde – PFA president



SCHOOL BANKING

Banking takes place every Wednesday morning so don't forget to bring along your bank books each week. If anyone is interested in opening a Commonwealth Account, you can ask at the office for an application form, or join up at the Commonwealth Bank directly. Don't forget after every ten deposits there are opportunities to redeem your coins for a reward item. HAPPY BANKING!

Banking is processed on **Wednesday mornings**.

Michelle Marsh

ROSEWOOD READERS

For all pre-school children and toddlers.

An invitation to join us:

WHERE: Rosewood Downs Library
WHEN: Alternate Fridays - School days only
Starting Friday 3rd March

TIME: 3:00pm—3.30pm

✚ Excluding the last day of each term

Rosewood Playgroup is held on the alternate Fridays.



ROSEWOOD PLAYGROUP

For all pre-school children and toddlers.

An invitation to join us:

WHERE: Rosewood Downs Dance Studio
WHEN: Alternate Fridays - School days only
Starting Friday 24th February

TIME: 3:00pm—3.30pm

✚ Excluding the last day of each term

Rosewood Readers is held on the alternate Fridays.



✚ **Excluding Friday 10th March – Curriculum Day**

Unit News

Unit A

Unit A students are now attending whole school assemblies and are quickly becoming familiar with the formalities involved. We encourage parents to assist children in being punctual for these assemblies. During these assemblies awards and special presentations are made, and it is really disappointing if children miss out on this recognition because they are not present to receive them.

On Tuesday the Prep students really enjoyed building with planks during the Green Hat workshop. This also gave them the opportunity to work co-operatively with the Grade 5 students who will be their future buddies. The children were very engaged in the set task and came up with some creative and interesting constructions.

We would like to encourage all children to bring a fruit/vegetable snack for our 10 o'clock break as we find they really look forward to this and are disappointed if they don't have anything to eat at this time. Packaged fruit in cups can be very messy and easily spilt so we would appreciate it if a 'piece' of fruit/vegetable can be provided.

It is fantastic to see the children already developing good reading habits by returning their reading bags daily and regularly changing their take home books. Thank you for supporting your children as they begin their reading program. Establishing consistent reading behaviours is essential to their progress and will help them to become lifelong readers.

Unit A Team

Ashlee Rumney, Linda Harrison and Karen Woodhouse

Unit B

Unit B students have really started to embrace the challenges and opportunities that senior school has to offer. A big congratulations to the Grade 6 students who received their leadership badges at our special assembly on Monday. These leaders also have fantastic teams of students supporting them who are essential in achieving the necessary responsibilities required of our Grade 6 students.

Grade 5 students also had the opportunity to show their responsibility and leadership skills when they worked with our new Prep students in the Planks workshop on Tuesday. The Grade 5 students had an excellent time and are looking forward to working more with our newest school members.

Unit B camp organisation is close to being finalised. Due to slight increases in cost at the camp and all activities we expect the overall price to be \$270. We understand this a large monetary commitment for families. Our plan is to have the notices out ASAP so that families have lots of time to work out payment. If you have any issues or wish to create a payment plan please speak to the Principal, Helen Casey.

Unit B Team

Ben Pinwill, Ashleigh Price-Bell, Brenda Brighton, Carly Pinwill and Jo Ford

Unit C

The students in Unit C enjoyed a fantastic incursion last Tuesday. The team from 'Planks', made the day lots of fun and the students learnt a lot about science and maths from their building activities. It was fantastic to see everyone participating and cooperating and some of the building were really incredible. We will be looking to purchase a box of 'planks' in the coming weeks so the students can continue to build on what they learnt at the incursion.

Camp notices and permission forms will be handed out next week. We understand that camps can be expensive for most families so we are trying to give as much notice as possible. The Unit C camp to Phillip Island will be early in second term and will cost around \$260. This will include a trip to the penguin parade. Thank you.

Unit C Team

Shaun Pepper, Michael Richards, Gail Fitzpatrick and Liz O 'Meara

Unit D

All the Unit D children have settled in to the unit well and are off and running in the learning stakes! On Tuesday they enjoyed a fantastic Green Hat 'PLANKS' workshop experience which involved using imagination, creativity, teamwork, design skills and having lots of fun. We hope to purchase some of the equipment so we can further explore the opportunities this unique material offers.

It was lovely to see so many grandparents at our 'Grandparents afternoon' on Wednesday. We hoped the grandparents enjoyed seeing their grandchild's grade and finding out some of the things they were engaged in at school at the moment.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Welcome Picnic tonight – a great chance to get our school community together for the first time in 2017.

Just a reminder that all the grades in Unit D are on Class Dojo and invitations have been sent to parents to join. It's a great way to stay in touch with the teacher, and also for teachers to communicate with parents. Lots of lovely 'PLANKS' photos were sent via Class Dojo today.

Unit D Team

Dianne McCulloch, Maddy Hartmann, Mary Chan, Mia Todisco and Terrie Palmer-Tanner



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Kilometre Club

WHAT IS THE KILOMETRE CLUB?

The Kilometre Club is an opportunity for all students to improve their fitness while having fun with their friends.

WHAT TO DO

- Sign up on the class lists in the hall
- Complete laps of the oval and record the distances achieved each time
- Set goals to achieve (laps/distances)

WHEN AND WHERE

The Kilometre Club will be held during recess on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
During class time when allowed.

DISTANCES

Each lap will be a 200m circuit around the oval or 250m around the buildings.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Certificates will be awarded at Friday assemblies for every 10km completed.

CLUB RULES

- Everyone is welcome to participate
- Be honest with your lap count
- Record your distances on the sheet
- Have fun achieving your goals

RUN, JOG or WALK...LET'S GO!



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Measured running tracks for the Kilometre Club

