

NEWSLETTER

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SICK BAY LINEN - FRIDAYS

Friday 24 th March	Allison Esmonde
Friday 31 st March	Michelle Marsh

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday	23 rd Mar	Mindfulness Special Day/Evening - for students and parents
Friday	24 th Mar	Rosewood Playgroup – Dance studio
Friday	24 th Mar	School Cross Country and Fun Run
Wednesday	29 th Mar	Region Swimming

Friday 31st March Last Day of Term with Hat Parade - Finish 2.30pm

Tuesday	18 th Apr	First Day of Term 2
Thursday	27 th Apr	School Photos
Mon – Wed	1 st – 3 rd May	Unit B Camp - CYC City
Wed – Fri	3 rd – 5 th May	Unit C Camp – CYC The Island, Phillip Island
Mon	8 th May	Grade 1 Camp – Camp Oasis, Mount Evelyn
Mon – Tues	8 th – 9 th May	Grade 2 Camp – Camp Oasis, Mount Evelyn
Friday	9 th Jun	Curriculum Day- (Pupil Free Day)

Principal Report

It's been a bumper Term 1 so far, and we still have a number of exciting events to come as we approach the last week of term. Mrs Casey has taken a short period of leave and I am lucky enough to be filling in as Principal in her absence. She will be back for the beginning of Term 2.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank and congratulate Mr Pepper who participated in the World's Greatest Shave last week. Mr Pepper raised over \$2000 for the Leukaemia Foundation, thanks in part to our very generous Rosewood Downs community. Vicki Gatt kindly provided her hairdressing services to make sure Mr Pepper was professionally shaved after a number of our students started his haircut off with mixed results. Personally, I prefer Mr Pepper with long flowing locks, but his new shaved hair style is all for a very good cause!

I would also like to thank our KidsMatter team and all of our staff for the organisation of our special mindfulness day at school on Thursday. There were a range of activities and events for both parents and students which provided a great opportunity for many members of our school community to share in their child's learning and personal development. Thank you to the parents who attended events during the day or who came along to our Thinkbubbles evening presentation. We value parent involvement at the school and this partnership helps to ensure that our kids are supported every step of the way on their learning journey.

The school has our cross country running event taking place on Friday 24th March at Tirhatuan Park. The weather looks like it will be perfect for running and setting some personal best times, so we hope to see lots of parents down there supporting the kids out on the track. Best of luck to all our competitors and thank you to Mr Campbell for all his thorough planning and organisation in the lead up to the event.

Finally, the school term finishes on Friday 31st March and students will be dismissed at **2.30pm**. The term will conclude with our annual hat parade after Friday morning assembly. All students are encouraged to wear a hat with the theme '*Amazing Animals*'. We look forward to seeing some wild and wonderful headwear on the day, although live animals on children's heads are discouraged. Our hat parade is a long standing tradition at Rosewood Downs and is always an enjoyable and entertaining way to finish off the term.

Term 2 will begin the day after Easter Monday on Tuesday April 18th.

Julian - Acting Principal

ThinkPlus



Our Grade 2 students are enjoying their weekly Developmental Play sessions where they challenge themselves to use their imagination, design and construct! Using Kid K'Nex Vehicles Kavi constructed a turtle and Amy constructed a hang glider. Each week our Grade 2 students are challenging themselves to develop new skills and abilities; valuable attributes for life-long learners!



ThinkPlus Action Team

PRACTISE, PRACTISE, PRACTISE

In order for challenging tasks to become easier we need to ensure we have plenty of practise.

If you would like to help students strengthen their reading skills we would love your assistance...any day, any time.

Please contact Anna at the office or Deborah Lucas.

Thank you in anticipation.

Deborah Lucas

Caught You Being Kind Award

Shaun Spiteri and Erfan Akbari were 'Caught being Kind'. Well done Shaun & Efan.

Student of the Week

The following students received Student of the Week Awards:

Understanding, Tolerance and Inculsion:

Miranda Nguyen Ngoc, Max Thompson, Alessia Wilson, Maria Sagiadellis

Fair Go:

Mona Sidawi, Zainab Nazir, Arif Balkhi, Aleksa Trakilovic

KIDS MATTER SPECIAL DAY – MINDFULNESS

Thank you to our Rosewood Downs Community for your enthusiastic support in helping to create a positive school community that supports the mental health and wellbeing of every member.

Students were proud to showcase their Social and Emotional Learning through our Bounce Back and Resilience Project Curriculum. Additional activities explored Mindfulness, Empathy, Gratitude and Emotional Literacy. Thank you to Mr Campbell for his challenging Yoga sessions with all grade levels. Another highlight was the performances by The Bongo Brothers.

It was wonderful to see so many parents coming along to strengthen the valuable partnership between home and school. Parents were invited to visit classrooms to see Social and Emotional Learning in action. We then launched our new Community Space in the hall, made even more enjoyable with coffee from Joseph's Coffee Van. This was then followed by a free introductory Yoga session, in our Dance Studio, by Tiffaney and Jade from Oasis. It was great to see some parents and toddlers coming along to enjoy the Bongo Brothers performances.

Our Kids Matter Special Day is not yet over...PLEASE come along to our FREE MOVIE NIGHT for Rosewood Downs students and THINKBUBBLES for parents. Please see attached notice.

We hope our Rosewood Downs Community enjoys a happy holiday. See you all next term as we continue our Kids Matter journey together.



Kids Matter Action Team

Music Award & Music News

Elesha Interligi, Sia Savasta, Divanya Tharmistan, Milli Amare, Anthony Diacoyannis, Vladimir Milkovic, Lucas Whitmore

Miranda Nguyen, Leonora Rakovic, Alessia Wilson, Chloe Cashman, Patricia Didomenico

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

Olivia Fletcher, Adam Pothacamury, Ash Jayasinghe, Jack Sheedy, Janith Amarasinghe, Thomas Cunningham, Kayla Petta, Ryan Raju, Amy Zhang, Katylin Adams

SPORT NEWS

Friday 24th March – School Cross Country and Fun Run at Tirhatuan Park (Kriegel Way)

This is a free school event which is a House team competition. All students are required to return their Minor Excursion forms to be able to attend. Families are welcome to attend to support the students. Parent helpers are needed to make this event run smoothly, so please see Mr Campbell if you are able to assist.

For more details, please refer to the separate information sheet. Thank you.

Division Swimming – Friday 10th March

Well done to the twelve students who represented our school at Division Swimming. Everyone competed fairly and represented our school really well. Thank you to the students and their parents for being available to attend the competition on our curriculum day. It was successful day with all students winning a ribbon in at least one race each.

Results:

12 year old girls

Tamara Ristevski 3rd - 50m Freestyle and 3rd - 50m Backstroke

4x50m Freestyle Relay 3rd – Kaniha Muhundan, Kayla Petta, Sienna Wilson and Sophie Xerri

12 year old boys

Tarkyn Roden 6th – 50m Freestyle

Sam Norton 4th – 50m Backstroke

4x50m Freestyle Relay 3rd – Tarkyn Roden, Vladimir Milkovic, Sam Norton and Nathan Beteramia

11 year old boys

Nathan Beteramia 1st – 50m Freestyle and 1st – 50m Breaststroke

Vladimir Milkovic 1st – 50m Backstroke

9/10 year old girls

Lanny Duan 2nd – 50m Freestyle and 1st – 50m Breaststroke

Maria Milkovic 1st – 50m Backstroke

9/10 year old boys

Calin Searle 2nd – 50m Freestyle and 3rd – 50m Backstroke

Congratulations to Nathan, Vlad, Maria and Lanny who have qualified for the Southern Metropolitan Region Finals which will be held at MSAC on Wednesday 29th March. Good luck!

Lindsay Campbell - Sport Coordinator

Events Committee

Thank you to the parents and staff who attended our disco for Term 1. It was a great success and the students had a fantastic time. We will be having a meeting on Monday the 27th March to make the Easter hampers for the raffle. We are still accepting any donations for these hampers so if you have some Easter treats to contribute please leave them at the office.

Thank you,

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

Junior School Council

Crazy Hair Day Friday 17th March

It was great to see so many people at school on Friday with crazy hair supporting the Leukaemia Foundation. We collected \$500 on the day, which was added to the online contributions by the community, making a total donation of over \$2,000! Thank you again to Mr Pepper who generously shaved his head. Thank you to Vicky Gatt who was able to help the students cut and shave Mr Pepper's hair.

On behalf of the Junior School Council, thank you.

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. The theme for our hat parade is '*Amazing Animals*', which allows for lots of different hat creations with an animal theme in mind. All children are encouraged to design and make a hat of their favourite animals, interesting creatures, wonderful wildlife or creepy crawlies. There will prizes awarded in every class for the most imaginative hats made.

Please refer to the attached poster.
Thank you,

Lindsay Campbell and the JSC Captains

Environment News

Earth Hour

On Wednesday 22nd March everyone at Rosewood Downs Primary School participated in Earth Hour. During this hour we did not use electric lights, air conditioning, or computers.

Earth Hour is a worldwide event that highlights the amount of electricity we use in our daily lives, and is one way of showing our support for the planet and clean energy.

Your family can also show your support by participating in the Australia Wide Earth Hour, this Saturday 25th March, 8.30 to 9.30pm

Luka and Dylan (Environmental Captains)
Jo Ford and Mary Chan (Co-ordinators)

Parents & Friends Association



Parents and Friends

Parents and Friends would love to welcome new members at our next meeting on Thursday 30th March for our AGM. We run the committee with 4 position holders President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, however these positions are supported by all parents and friends who attend our meetings and volunteer to help with events.

If you would be interested in coming along to our AGM and nominating for a committee position or would like to be a general member we would love to have you. Our committee helps organise the Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, BBQ's, volunteer to help with the Events committee with fundraising and we help the teachers organise and run the Grade 6 Graduation. It is a great way to meet new parents, share ideas, concerns, get answers to questions and even speak to some of the parents who are on School Council as well.

Our Principals Mrs Helen Casey and Ms Debbie Payne attend our meetings as well and this gives us a lot of information. They are happy to answer any questions you may have as well, the PFA is a great forum. I hope to see some new faces on Thursday 30th March at 9.15am in the Hall Foyer for a coffee and some morning tea.

Allison Esmonde – PFA president

School Banking



Wow!!! How exciting was it to have Pat the dog, from the Commonwealth Bank come and visit us at assembly on Wednesday 15th March? The children all laughed and cheered as that cheeky puppy dog got up to no good. 😊

The kids heard all about the fabulous rewards on offer this year from our Commonwealth Bank representative Deb. This term's rewards are: A ball and a set of colour change markers.

Remember that all you need is 10 tokens to claim your reward. If you need help, send us a note or come and visit us in the staffroom on a Wednesday morning.

Please note: that on occasion we might accidentally miss giving you a token or we might give you an extra token, don't worry the online system will know if you have 10 tokens. (Tokens cannot be shared.)

Did you know that this year the Commonwealth Bank is giving every student banker the opportunity to go in the draw to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland. All you need to do is make 15 deposits before the end of Term 3, and your name will automatically go into the draw for a chance to win. How amazing would that be if you won? Good luck!

Banking is processed on **Wednesday mornings**.

Michelle Marsh

Rosewood Readers and Playgroup Term 1

ROSEWOOD READERS

For all pre-school children and toddlers.

An invitation to join us:

WHERE: Rosewood Downs Library
WHEN: Alternate Fridays - School days only
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
Friday 24th April
TIME: 3:00pm—3.30pm

📅 Excluding the last day of each term

Rosewood Readers is held on the alternate Fridays.



Unit News

Unit A

It was great to see so many prep students support the Leukaemia Foundation by coming to school with crazy hair and bringing a gold coin donation last Friday. They also enjoyed their first school disco following Crazy Hair Day.

The students are looking forward to the Fun Run this Friday. To ensure all students are able to participate, please check that your child has brought back their Minor Excursion Notice that was handed out at the beginning of the year.

Finishing off the term the preps will take part in our annual hat parade that raises money for The Good Friday Appeal. Students will need your help at home to create a hat in the theme 'Amazing Animals.' A notice outlining the last day of term was sent out earlier this week with more information.

It has been a great start to the year and we hope that everyone has a relaxing break.

Unit A Team

Ashlee Rumney, Linda Harrison and Karen Woodhouse

Unit B

As we near the end of Term 1 we can reflect on the progress that the children in Unit B have made over the last few weeks. The Grade Fives are becoming familiar with the new routines and expectations of the senior school and are learning to be responsible role models to the rest of the school. The Grade Sixes have taken on their leadership and responsibility roles with enthusiasm and are embraced the challenges of their final year in Primary School.

All the children enjoyed the SEDA basketball clinics that operated last week. The children rotated through a range of activities, and learnt some new skills for playing basketball.

In Grade Five, the last two weeks of term will focus on the presentation of their Immigration projects. Your child should have already interviewed an adult member of the family about the countries that your family originated from, and the reasons for immigrating to Australia.

Don't forget the hat parade is the last day of term, and the children have some great ideas for the hats they are making based on the theme "*Amazing Animals*".

We are now finalising the details of the Unit B City Camp, which is early in Term 2. If you have not yet sent back forms and money please do so as soon as possible.



Unit B Team

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

Unit C

We have a very busy finish to the term coming up over the last week. Again, thank you to all the parents and students who have returned their camp permission forms. All numbers need to be finalised with 'The Island' at the beginning of next week, so could you please ensure these forms are returned as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Our hens are very healthy and active and have begun laying lots and lots of eggs, which has been very exciting for all the students. On Friday we have our school cross country. It is a good idea that students bring appropriate clothing for the weather and something waterproof to sit on if the ground is still wet.

The annual Rosewood Downs Hat Parade is next week. The theme this year is amazing animals.

Unit C Team

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

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for getting behind The World's Greatest Shave. In the end, over \$2,000 was raised which is an amazing result and shows how caring our Rosewood Downs community is.

Finally, Mr Richards is finishing with us at the end of this term. Unit C would like to thank Mike for all his hard work this term and look forward to seeing him around the school at various times throughout the rest of the year.

Regards,
Mr Shaun Pepper.

Unit D

We have had a very exciting and busy couple of weeks in Unit D. It was great to see all the students' crazy hair on Friday and a big thank you to all the families who made a donation towards the Leukaemia Foundation that day.

Many of our students showed off their groovy dance moves at the disco on Friday evening and had a fabulous time eating yummy treats and socialising with their friends.

Unit D had a fantastic time at our KidsMatter Mindfulness Day and Bongo Brothers performance, today. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for our Mindfulness lesson in the classroom, this morning. We hope to see lots of you back at our Thinkbubbles adult session this evening, where students are welcome to come along for a special pyjama movie night.

We are looking forward to our Cross Country event tomorrow, at Tirhatuan Park. Any family members who would like to help on the day or just support their children, are welcome to meet us there. We ask that all students please wear appropriate footwear for this event and bring along a drink bottle.

All camp notices for Grade 1s and 2s have been distributed. We would appreciate a response by the mentioned due date to help with our organisation. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to one of us about it.

As our annual Easter Hat Parade theme has been announced this week, we hope many of the students are beginning to work hard on their "*Amazing Animal*" hats. We can't wait to see their creations next Friday, on the last day of term. We would love to have parents and family members join us for this event.

We wish all our families a Happy Easter and hope you enjoy the break. We are looking forward to seeing you all back for another fun and productive term, after the holidays.

Unit D team

Mary Chan (1C), Mia Todisco on behalf of Terrie Palmer-Tanner (1PT), Maddy Hartmann (2H) & Dianne McCulloch (2M)

Special offer from Dandenong Oasis

We were very lucky to have Tiffaney and Jade from Dandenong Oasis visit the school on Thursday to offer a free yoga session for parents as part of our mindfulness special day.

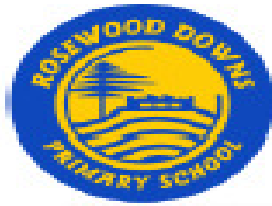
Dandenong Oasis has kindly offered all school parents a complimentary pass to any Group Fitness session at the Dandenong Leisure Facilities (Oasis, Noble Park Aquatic Centre and Springers Leisure Centre). This voucher is attached on this newsletter.

The three centres above are involved in Premier's Active April; the YMCA is a provider where individuals and families are entitled to a free 10 visit pass to use across our centres. They can register online then visit us at one of our centres. This is a great opportunity for our families who may like to take advantage of this offer with the school holidays just around the corner.

They also have an upcoming promotion 'Mums In May' campaign where they provide the opportunity for women to "Make Time for You" and enjoy complimentary crèche access for any children whilst they attend any of the morning sessions on their current (and promotional) timetable.

Thanks again to Tiffaney, Jade and the YMCA for their generous support.

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ROSEWOOD DOWNS **Primary School**

thinkbubbles

Mindfulness in the moment

Thursday 23rd March
6:00—7:30pm

A session for adults that will introduce you to some practical mindfulness and meditation techniques that can easily be used at home.

**Please
RSVP**



Free Movie Night for Rosewood Downs students who have family members attending the Thinkbubbles Parent Session

Students are welcome to wear their pyjamas while they settle in to watch a movie!

Please arrive at 5:45pm

School Cross Country

FREE EVENT

When:	Friday the 24 th of March, 2017
Where:	Tirhatuan Park (Kriegel Way)
Who:	All students from Prep to Grade 6
What to wear:	House coloured shirt and school shorts, appropriate running shoes and school hat.
What to take:	Students will need to take a hat, drink, snack, sunscreen and asthma puffer, if required. Students will be in charge of their own belongings and ensure that any rubbish they have must be brought back with them.

Timetable: Students in **Grade 3 to 6** will leave for Kriegel Way after assembly. Below are the rough times for the events.



9:45	12/13 year olds	Boys
10:15	12/13 year olds	Girls
10:30	11 year olds	Boys
10:45	11 year olds	Girls
11:00	9/10 year olds	Boys
11:15	9/10 year olds	Girls



Students in **Prep, Grade 1 and 2** will participate in a 'Fun Run' (weather permitting) where they can score house points for completing a full lap. They will leave for Kriegel Way after morning recess, so they will not need to take a snack. The older students will stay at Kriegel Way to support and assist the younger students. The winning team and certificates to the top 10 place getters in each race will be announced at a special assembly back at school.



12:00	Grade 2	Boys and Girls
12:15	Grade 1	Boys and Girls
12:30	Prep	Boys and Girls



Parent helpers: If you would like to help with marshalling or record keeping, please leave your name at the office or see Mr Campbell.

Lindsay Campbell
Sport Co-ordinator

Julian Growcott
Acting Principal

Rosewood Downs Primary School

**We invite all students and their families
to join us at our annual**

Hat Parade **Amazing Animals**



What are your favourite animals?

Friday 31st March, 2017

9:30 – 10:45am in the school hall

Gold coin donation in support of





GIRLS' OPEN DAY

**FREE
ENTRY**

Join the newest part of our team
Melbourne Football Club's Next Generation Academy

The aim of Melbourne Football Club's Next Generation Academy is to encourage, develop and enhance participation outcomes for talented players, with an additional focus of creating more opportunities for Multicultural and Indigenous participants.

As part of our Next Generation Academy, we are holding an Open Day for 11-15 year old girls from our allocated zones (Casey/Dandenong/Mornington Peninsula).

THURSDAY 6 APRIL

9:30AM TO 12PM - CASEY FIELDS

CRANBOURNE RD, CRANBOURNE EAST

If you are a female aged between 11-15 living in the regions of Casey, Dandenong or Mornington Peninsula register at www.afl.com.au/demonsacademy



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afl.com.au