

NEWSLETTER

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SICK BAY LINEN - FRIDAYS

Friday 25 th August	Allison Esmonde
Friday 1 st September	Kimberly Bodenas

Dates for Your Diary

Friday	25 th Aug	District Gala Day 3 – Unit B
Friday	25 th Aug	Greater Dandenong Neighbourhood House – Healthy Lunch Box Ideas and Fire Safety
Friday	25 th Aug	Rosewood Musos – Music Room 3.00pm – 3.30pm
Friday	25 th Aug	Melbourne Victory Female Football Clinic – Unit C
Monday	28 th Aug	'Try Prep 2018' Transitions Program – PE Session 3.45pm – 4.30pm
Thursday	31 st Aug	Unit A Zoo Excursion
Friday	1 st Sept	Rosewood Readers – Library 3.00pm-3.30pm
Wednesday	6 th Sept	District Athletics
Wednesday	20 th Sept	Division Athletics

- ❖ Last Day of Term Three- Friday 22nd September – Finish 2.30pm
- ❖ First Day of Term Four- Monday October 9th



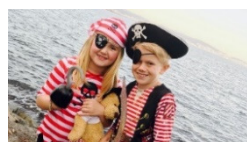
NAPLAN Results

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will receive their NAPLAN results tomorrow. It is important that these results are kept in perspective as they reflect each student's performance at a single point in time. This assessment is only one tool which is part of a comprehensive assessment process in our school and must be looked at as part of the whole picture of assessing your child's progress in Literacy and Numeracy. NAPLAN results add value to teacher assessment and reporting by showing how our students' achievement compares to a wider group of students across the state and across Australia.



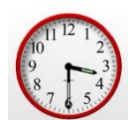
Father's Day Breakfast- Friday 1st September

Our annual Father's Day Breakfast will be held on Friday 1st September. We are hoping to see lots of Dads or (other significant person) bright and early. A delicious breakfast will be available from 8.00-8.45am for a gold coin donation. After breakfast parents will be invited to attend assembly, followed by the official opening of our 'pirate ship'.



Pirate Day-Friday 1st September

To celebrate the official opening of the 'Pirate Ship' we are going to have a special 'Pirate Day' on 1st September. Start getting your pirate costume ready to wear! A pirate costume can be easily assembled all you need is a striped t-shirt or a white shirt, jeans and a scarf or belt. You can be creative and add a parrot toy, hook or a sword. An eye patch, vest or pirate hat will finish your costume off nicely. (We will ask students to keep sharp objects such as swords in the classroom during recess and lunch).



After School Pick Up

Recently we have had many children who have not been collected on time after school. Please note that a teacher is on duty until 3.45pm. Any children, who have not been collected by this time, will be asked to wait in the school foyer. If you are held up for any reason, please phone

the school office on 9795 3744. If you are having difficulty getting to school on time, you can make arrangements for After School Care at the Rosewood Downs Child Care Centre on 9795 5400.



Parent Opinion Survey

Each year the Department of Education conducts an anonymous Parent Opinion Survey and uses this information to inform and direct plans for school improvement. Families are randomly selected to participate in the survey. If your family receives an email about this survey then I urge you to complete it by 27th August.



Sick Children

Recently we have had many children attending school with colds and flu like symptoms and some children presenting with gastro type symptoms. If your child is sick before school, please keep them at home until they are feeling better. As you would be aware illnesses spread very quickly from one child to another, so I ask for your cooperation with this matter.

KidsMatter



As a Kids Matter initiative we are in the process of setting up new notice boards outside each unit and the office. We have many practices in place to ensure we have effective communication between school and home. Important events and information will be displayed, a handy place to check you are up to date with what's happening.

We are also excited to welcome Dandenong Neighbourhood House back to Rosewood Downs again tomorrow, Friday 25th August at 9.15am – 11.15am. Sharon has planned a session on Healthy Lunch Box Ideas and Nada, from the CFA, will talk about fire safety in the kitchen. Further information is available on the attached flyer. Everyone welcome, including toddlers. We look forward to you joining us.



Kids Matter Action Team

ThinkPlus



As our ThinkPlus journey continues to gain momentum we thought it timely to revise ThinkPlus at Rosewood Downs. Through ongoing Professional Learning with our ThinkPlus Educators, Bernie Lanyon and Kayla Walker we now believe ThinkPlus can teach our students the necessary skills to minimise the effect of social and academic anxiety. ThinkPlus and Kids Matter complement one another by helping our students become resilient and better equipped to navigate the challenges of the 21st century. We encourage you to read the attached overview of ThinkPlus at Rosewood Downs.

ThinkPlus Action Team

Caught You Being Kind Award

Natasha Nikolic and Brayden Odgers were 'Caught being Kind'. Well done Natasha and Brayden.

Student of the Week

Integrity

Thomas Banasios, Josh O'Callaghan, Deanna Sourtzis, Maahi Kaur

Honesty and Trustworthiness

Chryssie Maragos, Mustafah Niazi, Regan Skinner, Ruby Kendall

Music Award

Luka Babalj, Liana Thomas, Paarth Walia, Elena Markovic, Kristian Ferraro, Zackhary Baltas
Mason Black, Emonefe Arhuere, Joe Bou Hussein, Bianca Petta, Mia Souleiman, Didier Savrimoutou,
Samuel Norton

Anita Chan – Music & LOTE Coordinator

Sport Awards & News

Nenad Vukosavljevic, Jaidon Snyman, Zipporah Ioane, Ashlee Spencer, Patricia DiDomenico

Liana Serdar, Isabella Papadopoulos, Lillie Esmonde, Mahdy Zeini Calin Searle, Sebastian Boersch
Quadara, Zara Badic

SPORT NEWS

Region Winter Finals – Thursday 24th August

The Mixed Netball team have played in the Southern Metropolitan Region Finals today at the Pakenham Indoor Sports Centre. They played three games against other teams from our Region. Thank you to the parents who have helped to organise transport for students and support the team.

Zara Badic, Brandon Chiem, Nicholas Cunningham, Sonia Doan, Kaniha Muhundan, Sam Norton, Peter Kranias, Sienna Wilson and Sophie Xerri

Unit B and C House Athletics – Friday 11th August

Recently, we had the House Athletics at Ross Reserve and it was a very successful event. All the students who attended from Unit C and B competed in 5 track and field events; the 100m, long jump, high jump, shot put and discus. Everyone participated well and displayed great sportsmanship with lots of encouragement being shouted around the venue. All of their results were recorded and contributed to their house team total.

The house points were;

1st – Yarra (412)

2nd – Barwon (357)

3rd – Rubicon (285)

4th – Goulburn (233)

Thank you to all of the teachers, parents and volunteers who were available to come along and help with the various track and field events on the day. A special thank you to the Cunningham family, the Lawrence family, the Doan family and the Springvale Little Athletics Club who set up the equipment and ran the electronic finishing gates for the 100m races. This made the event run like a professional race and the students had a great time.

This event will also form part of the selection process for the upcoming District Athletics competition on Wednesday 6th September. The final team will be announced soon, so good luck to all students aiming to make the team.

Unit B District Gala Sports Day – Friday 25th August

We are all looking forward to our third and final Gala Sports Day for the year. The Unit B students will be competing in four sports against students from the 9 other school in our District.

The venues for the Gala Sports Day this Friday are:

AFL 9s, T20 Blast Cricket and Osh Rounders – Greaves Reserve (Bennet St, Dandenong)

Soccer 6s – Dandenong Soccer 5s (29 Brindley St, Dandenong South)

The competitions will be starting at around 10:00am and will run to about 2:00pm.

If there are any parents from Unit B available to help and support our teams could they please let the Unit B teachers know, thank you.

Lindsay Campbell - Sport Coordinator

Student Environmental Action Team – SEAT Team

The Student Environmental Action Team, or SEAT Team for short were very excited to announce to the school some of the amazing work they have been doing over the last 12 months. The SEAT team is a student representative group that has been surveying classes to find out how we could improve recesses and lunch times for the students.

As a result of these surveys the team suggested a number of recommendations to Mrs Casey and Mr Growcott for improvements to the yard, and playground equipment that they would like to have. On Wednesday the team revealed the first of these changes to the school. The new line markings that were painted over the last school holidays were a result of the consultation with this team. They asked for re-marking of the basketball courts, four square and soccer square courts. In addition they asked for a new car track, snakes and ladders game and a bulls eye to be painted in the playground.

Some new toys have been purchased including cars for the car track, tea sets and dress ups for the cubby house and pirate ship, and a giant chess set for outside the hall.

Thanks also to Mrs Woodhouse who donated an air hockey game, and Mrs Ford who donated some extra cars. Donations of durable, good quality outdoor toys are appreciated and can be taken to Mrs Ford if you have something you would like to donate.

The team has made some further purchases of toys that will be revealed in the next few weeks as they become available.

Dylan, Luka, Peter, Sophie, Kaniha (Gr 6), Chloe, Chloe, Niko, Andreas (Gr 5), Amrita, Calin, Yusuf (Gr 4)
Mrs Ford and Mrs Chan

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Earn and Learn is back at Rosewood Downs Primary School.

Thank you to those families who have already started collecting the stickers from Woolworths! There is a box at the Woolworths at Waverly Gardens to put stickers in or you can bring them to school and place them in the box at the front office. The more stickers we collect the more resources we are able to choose for our school. Anyone from our school community – staff, parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends – who shop at Woolworths can collect stickers for the school.

We would love your help to earn extra resources for our school.
Thanks for your support

Mia Todisca and Liz O'Meara

Premiers' Reading Challenge

It has been incredible to see students from all year levels getting involved in the Premiers' Reading Challenge. This is a fantastic effort made by all students. The challenge ends in 3 weeks (8th of September), but there is still time to complete it if you bring in your consent form!

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their families, teachers and buddies. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books. The challenge book list is available online from www.education.vic.gov.au

Happy reading!
Mia Todisco

Library

BOOK CLUB

This terms "Book Club" catalogues were sent home with your children earlier this week. Purchases can be made by completing the order form at the back of the catalogue or by going on-line. All orders and monies are to be completed and returned to the school by Friday 1st September.

Please take a moment to browse through the catalogue and remember all profits from the sale of books, goes back to the library to purchase new books for your children to enjoy.

Mary Thompson

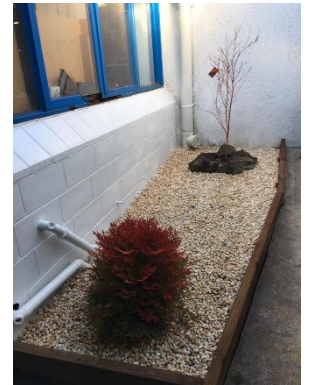
Parents & Friends Association



The Parents and Friends Association have a few events coming up soon that we would love some help with. There will be the **Father's Day stall** that will be on **Thursday 31st August and Friday 1st September**. If you can spare an hour or 2 either of those days please leave your name with Anna at the front office. We would greatly appreciate it.

The PFA is a very casual group who meet once a month on a Thursday morning for coffee and a chat. We help the teachers with some fundraising events and with volunteers for the student's activities throughout the year such as walk-a-thons, discos, grade 6 graduation, book fairs, school banking, BBQ's, athletics days plus many more. If you would like to be more involved in the school, the PFA will be perfect for you. There is no long-term commitment. If you would like to help a little or a lot we would appreciate it all.

The PFA also have gardening days where if the weather permits we get together and do a bit of tidying up, weeding, pruning, planting etc. Our latest project is the indoor garden at the side entrance for Unit A. There are plans for a lovely water feature to be installed once it is all complete. I will send out a notice of our next gardening day on FLEXIBUZZ and I hope to see you there.



Lost Property

Our lost property box is nearly overflowing. We have many items including t-shirts, jackets, jumpers, drink bottles, containers and even a helmet and an umbrella. If you are missing something, please come past and have a look. The lost property box is located outside the office, next to the staffroom.

Allison Esmonde – PFA president

School Banking



It is great to see so many of you remembering to hand in your bankbooks every Wednesday. If it been a while since you last banked, or if you have forgotten your banking number, just send your bank book along with a note and we can provide you with the details.

Please note that the Cyber Handball reward from Term 1 is now out of stock. The Volt Handball from Term 3 is still available. As is the smiley emoji keyring, the colour change markers, 3D chalk set and tablet case.

Banking is processed on **Wednesday mornings**.

Michelle Marsh

Term 3, 2017

July 21 st	Readers
July 28 th	Playgroup
August 4 th	Musos
August 11 th	Readers
August 18 th	Playgroup
August 25 th	Musos
September 1 st	Readers
September 8 th	Playgroup
September 15 th	Musos
September 22 nd	Last day of Term 3



ROSEWOOD DOWNS Primary School

Murray Road, Dandenong North 3175 (Ph) 9795 3744

All toddlers and pre-school children
are invited to join us for:

Rosewood Playgroup
in the Library

Rosewood Readers
in the Library

Rosewood Musos **NEW!**
in the Music Room

Fridays 3 - 3:30pm

Unit News

Unit A

What a busy fortnight it has been in Unit A yet again.

Our Unit of work concerning life and living things "Staying Alive" is in full swing. All classes now have class "pets" and the children are taking great care to make sure that their furry friends are well looked after. Although cheeky "Slushy" from Prep H caused great consternation around the school when the children arrived on Monday morning to find he had disappeared. Emergency procedures swung into action, with an announcement at assembly; and then the children rapidly produced "Lost" posters to get everyone to look for the troublesome Pup. The kind children and staff of Rosewood Downs were spotted hunting high and low for the little dog. Their hard toil paid off. Luckily Mr Growcott found Slushy hiding in his office and was able to return the little fella back to his relieved owners in Prep H. They were then able to tell and write stories about the adventures of "Slushy". That little fellow is responsible for some great Literacy activities in Prep H. We just hope Rosie from Prep W doesn't do a disappearing act and that the pets of Prep R remain well behaved!

All fun aside, as part of this unit of work we are taking the Preps to Melbourne Zoo to see real live animals on the 31st August. If you haven't returned your child's permission slip and payment yet please could you do so as soon as possible. We need to calculate numbers. Thanks to all those family members who have offered to help us on this excursion. We are very limited to how many people we can include in this and your child's teacher will speak to you if you are required to assist on the day.

As we are at the Zoo on the 31st Prep children are able to Pre order one item from the Father's Day Stall. They should pop their money and order in a named envelope and bring it to school on 30th Wednesday

Thank you for all your support helping your children to put their "family Boxes" together, we have learned lots about each others families and their interests.

We hope everyone is busy working on their pirate costumes for Pirate day on 1st Sept. That is going to be a fun filled day starting with the Fathers' Day Breakfast at 8am.

If you have a child starting school in 2018 please could you make sure they are enrolled as soon as possible. If you know anyone who has a child who is of school age in 2018 please remind them to have a school tour. Our transition sessions for children starting school in 2018 started with a music session with Mrs. Chan on Monday. Twenty pre-schoolers sang and danced with Mrs. Chan and the Prep teachers and parents attended an information session. These sessions continue for the next 3 Mondays from 3.45-4.30pm. Next week's session is P. E with Mr. Campbell.

Prep W have loved having Miss O working with us this past fortnight and we sadly say "goodbye" to her this week and wish her all the best on her journey to become a teacher.

Looking forward to next weeks very busy week,

Unit A Team

Ashlee Rumney, Linda Harrison and Karen Woodhouse

Unit B

Grade 6 students have been busily giving up some of their own time to make props for the musical. What they have produced thus far has been amazing. It is important that the students gain an understanding of all aspects of the musical and that the acting is just one component. To put on a show this size requires many costumes, props, choreographing, sound and lighting, a band, new timetabling, bus bookings, catering to name just a few. Thank you to those that have assisted thus far.

Grade 5 students have been creating advertisements for the musical cards. Filming has begun this week and I am sure all students are looking forward to seeing the ads and purchasing the cards in the next couple of weeks.

Mrs Brighton's Grade 5 completed their Lyndale Science sessions this week and had fun learning many new science concepts. Mrs Ford's class are looking forward to starting Lyndale Science next Monday. Please ensure your child is at school on time. They should make their way to the classroom at 8.50am instead of going to assembly as the bus will leave at 9am sharp.

Unit B Team

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

Unit C

Hello Rosewood Downs community,

How quickly this term is flying by and we are already passed the halfway mark of the term. The students have been busy learning about different aspects of our solar system as well as studying the impact of early world exploration.

There are many more things to look forward to for the rest of the term including: Melbourne Victory Women's coaching clinics, LOTE food tasting, our pirate day, daffodil day, Monash Science incursions, the grade 6 musical and many more.

Hopefully everyone stays fit and healthy and we start to see the end of this long winter. Thank you from the Unit C team.

Unit C Team

Shaun Pepper, Mia Todisco, Gail Fitzpatrick and Liz O 'Meara

Unit D

Dear Families,

Already half way through Term 3 and Unit D students have all been working studiously for the past 5 weeks.

Grade 1's have been exploring the physical science of Sounds and we are now moving on to Light Energy. Each week, we will be conducting collaborative investigations and a variety of scientific experiments. The students have been very engaged and excited about their science mini-lessons.


Grade 2's have completed their unit of study on 'All Creatures Big and Small' and are commencing a new geography topic 'Maps and Globes'. Students will be enquiring about their own place in the world as well as how the globe is a model of our planet earth and how our world is represented through maps. Through this learning journey, students will locate and identify land forms, water bodies and various environments. We have a brand new 'Unit D Buzz Board' next to the front entrance of the unit. This is where our families will find important notices and information about 'what's on' in Unit D. You will also find our Unit D 'Students of the Week' picture on display in that spot.

We would like to remind you that next week, the school will be holding a Father's Day Breakfast as well as the Pirate Dress-up day! We are looking forward to seeing the different pirate's attire the students (and teachers!) will come dressed in.

Have a lovely week!

Unit D team

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




ThinkPlus




at Rosewood Downs

Growing Young Minds

ThinkPlus teaches the science and psychology of how we learn.
It helps students become resilient, lifelong learners, better equipped to navigate the challenges of the 21st century.



<p>The key to ThinkPlus is the concept that intelligence isn't actually fixed – it can grow!</p> <p>ThinkPlus is all about the power of a growth mindset and the concept of 'yet'. "I don't understand...yet!" Mistakes are merely temporary setbacks – they're actually celebrated and, in fact, <i>necessary</i> on the journey to success.</p> <p>ThinkPlus educates students about what happens in their brain when they learn.</p>	<p>Change your words - Change your mindset</p> <p>I'm not good at this!</p> <p>I just haven't made this connection yet.</p> <p>I give up!</p> <p>I'll use another strategy I've learned.</p> <p>This is too hard!</p> <p>This may take some time and effort.</p> <p>I made a mistake.</p> <p>I made a mistake! I'm learning!!</p>	<p>ThinkPlus teaches students the necessary skills to minimise the effect of social and academic anxiety.</p> <p>ThinkPlus encourages students to embrace challenge and stretch themselves out of their comfort zone.</p> <p>ThinkPlus empowers students to develop skills and abilities they previously thought were not possible.</p>
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PIRATE DAY

Friday 1st September 2017

Please join the school community at the official opening of our new pirate ship.
Dress up as a Pirate and bring a gold coin donation for The Kids' Cancer Project.

Father's Day

We will also be celebrating Father's Day
with a BBQ breakfast from 8:00am
Bacon and egg sandwiches and coffee on sale

All families invited!

Free Pirate Disco

Student Disco in the Dance Studio

Prep to Grade 2 - 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Grade 3 to Grade 6 - 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Snack food and drinks on sale

FATHER'S DAY STALL PRICE LIST

GLASS MUG	\$5.00
TRAVEL MUG	\$5.00
CAR WASH KIT	\$5.00
SUNGLASSES	\$5.00
SCREW DRIVER SET	\$5.00
TOP DAD CAP	\$5.00
SUPER HERO MUG	\$5.00
HOW TO DANCE MUG	\$5.00
GLASS FRAME	\$4.00
NOTEBOOK & PEN	\$4.00
BEANIE	\$4.00
USB LIGHT	\$4.00
DAD BLOCK SIGN	\$4.00
MAN CAVE SIGN	\$4.00
MUG AND SOCK SET	\$4.00
MONEY TIN	\$3.00
SOCKS	\$3.00
PUZZLE CUBE	\$3.00
CRICKET STUMP STICKER	\$3.00
DAD PEN IN BOX	\$3.00
GRAND DAD KEY RING	\$2.00
LANYARD	\$2.00
DAD PEN	\$2.00
SOCCER PEN	\$2.00
STRESS BALL	\$2.00
SUPER DAD PLAYING CARDS	\$2.00
GIFT CARDS (ASSORTED)	\$1.00
GIFT BAG (LIMITED)	\$1.00

PLEASE NOTE. LIMITED NUMBER OF EACH ITEM, PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT SOME ITEMS WILL SELL OUT EARLY. SEND MONEY WITH STUDENT ON THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH THEIR NAME AND CLASS. THE STALL WILL ALSO BE OPEN FRIDAY MORNING FROM 8.30am FOR ANY PARENTS OR STUDENTS WHO WISH TO PURCHASE. ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TOWARDS OUR SCHOOLS FUNDRAISING EFFORTS.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED ON THURSDAY 31ST FROM 9.30 UNTIL 12pm. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP OUT PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME AND NUMBER WITH ANNA AT THE FRONT OFFICE. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU COME ALONG, IT'S A LOT OF FUN!