



NEWSLETTER

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SICK BAY LINEN - FRIDAYS

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| Friday 26 th May | Allison Esmonde |
| Friday 9 th June | Kimberley Bodenas |

Dates for Your Diary

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| Friday | 26 th May | District Cross Country |
| Friday | 9 th June | Division Cross Country |
| Thursday | 8 th June | Walkathon |
| Friday | 9 th June | Curriculum Day- (Pupil Free Day) |
| Monday | 12 th June | Queen's Birthday- Public Holiday |
| Friday | 19 th June | Region Cross Country |
| Friday | 23 rd June | District Gala Sports Day 2 – Unit B |
| Thursday | 29 th June | Parents & Friends Meeting - After assembly in hall foyer |
| Friday | 30 th June | Last Day of Term - Finish 2.30pm |
| | | <u>First Day of Term 3 - Monday 17th July</u> |



Morning assemblies are now in the hall

Friday, June 9th is a Curriculum Day. Children do not attend school on this day.
Monday June 12th is a public holiday



Our **School Walkathon** will be held on **June 8th** and we need you to get as many sponsors as possible. At the conclusion of the walkathon, students will be able to purchase a special lunch including a sausage in bread, a drink and a piece of fruit. This year all money raised will be going towards purchasing outdoor play equipment, in particular the 'Pirate Ship'.

We are sure that the walkathon will be a great event and we are hoping that many parents will come and lend a hand. Don't forget to start collecting sponsors or donations and put those walking shoes on! More information regarding this event will be sent home shortly.



Sick Children

Recently we have had some children attending school when they are unwell. If your child is sick please keep them at home until they are feeling better. I ask for your cooperation with this matter.

Education Sub Committee- Head Lice policy

The Education Sub-Committee has finished writing the 'Head Lice Policy'. This policy outlines the process to follow if we detect head lice at school. If you would like to read the Head Lice Policy and Fact Sheet prior to it being ratified by School Council, you will find a copy attached to this newsletter. We welcome your feedback prior to the next School Council meeting. We always welcome parents to join the Education Sub-Committee and **our next meeting will be on Thursday June 1st in the staffroom at 4pm.** If you are able to assist, you do not need any special expertise and you are welcome to bring children with you.

Current Contact Details

If your contact details have changed, please make sure that you update your information at the school office. In case of an emergency, we need to be able to contact you during the school day. This is important because we are often unable to contact parents on the phone numbers that we have been given.



Prep Enrolments for 2018- are filling fast!!!

If you already have children at this school and are planning to enrol another child in 2018, we ask that you complete the enrolment process, as soon as possible. Enrolment packs are available from the school office. In addition, if you know of any other families who wish to enrol children please encourage them to attend one of our school tours that are held every Wednesday at 10.00am. If you wish to arrange a school tour on a day other than a Wednesday, please phone the school office on 9795 3744. We are happy to run school tours at any time that suits you. We appreciate parents from Rosewood Downs promoting our school in the wider community.

Helen

Calling any DIYer's for a special project!

The school is working hard at the moment to increase the quantity and quality of play options for students when they are out in the yard. Our School Environment Action Team, led by Mrs Ford, have been busy brainstorming ideas and organising resources to improve play opportunities. We are about to have new lines marked in the yard which will include a wall target near the canteen, a snakes and ladders board and a car racing track. The SEAT team are also preparing to order new outdoor toys and playsets to be used during recess and lunch time.

As some additional items to be added to our yard, we would like to construct some tetherball games. Tetherball is a game a lot like totem tennis but without rackets and using a larger ball. It is a very popular game in schools in North America but not as common in Australian schools. The picture below shows someone playing tetherball.

We are hopeful that we may have some parents that would be willing and able to make one or more tetherball poles for us. It is basically a pole concreted into a tyre with the ball attached to the top, but if you would like to know some further details, there is a tutorial for making the game here <https://goo.gl/pHbzcr>.

If you're up for the challenge, the school would cover the costs for all materials and be eternally grateful for your contribution to the school. We also already have the tyres available for use in the construction of the games. Please see Mr Growcott to discuss further if you think you've got what it takes!





Kids Matter is all about children's mental health and wellbeing. We know that being mentally healthy is vital for learning and for leading a rewarding life. Kids Matter is a way for schools to nurture happy, balanced kids through mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention.

Many of our Kids Matter actions within the classroom require funding. We are looking for parents who may work for companies that may be able to help us by providing grants to fund 'Mental Health Initiatives' at Rosewood Downs. If you work for a company that may be interested to help, we invite you to come and discuss this further with a member of the Leadership Team. Thank you in anticipation.

Community News Board

You may have noticed that down in the hall we have a whiteboard available for our school community news and special events. We see this as an opportunity to share good news, well wishes and celebrations with our 'school family'.

If you have special news that you would like to share about yourselves, students or possibly ex-students, please pass on the information to Mrs. Hogben at the office and we will endeavour to put this up on our board. Items of interest may include the birth of a baby, special community achievements or awards, a thank you, expressions of encouragement, or farewells.

We look forward to strengthening the connections that make us a happy and supportive community.



Kids Matter Action Team

ThinkPlus



Dandenong Neighbourhood House provides a free Homework Club, 'Peer2Peer Homework Club'.

This new homework club is available for all Years 6 – 12 students and meets on Mondays, 4 pm – 6 pm, in the Dandenong Library.

Students attending can:

- Meet new people and make new friends.
- Get homework help from volunteer tutors.
- Help other students with their studies.

There may be some Year 6 students interested in taking on a new challenge as well as committing to additional practise to improve their learning.

Further information was sent home with all Year 6 students today and is also available on the flyer attached with this newsletter.

ThinkPlus Action Team

Caught You Being Kind Award

Todor Tomic and Sarah Ngo were 'Caught being Kind'. Well done Todor and Sarah.

Students of the Week Award

Integrity

Aidan Bobby, Sweeping Lindsay, Hayden Cashman, Kai Edwards.

Care and Compassion

Giancarlo Arenas, Eliza Roden, Ahmed Majeed, Isabella Papadopoulos.

Music Award

Liana Serdar, Fiona Zhou, Brianna Wilson, Jerome George, Alex Holland, Sebastian Boersh Quadara, Zara Badic.

Brayden Odgers, Elissa Baltas, Leo Bou Karroum, Katylin-Rose Adams, Calin Searle, Chloe Burley, Tijana Milic.

Anita Chan – Music & Lote Coordinator

Sport Awards & News

Milan Milkovic, Kelly Beal, Maximus Ioane, Haleemah Illyas, Arnav Kumar, Elissa Baltas, Hadden Marsh, Jerome George, Mia Souleiman, Bradley Barbera, Kaya Stankovic

District Cross Country – Friday 26th May

Good luck to the students competing at the District Cross Country event on Friday. Parents are welcome to come and support our team and hopefully we can continue our success at this level of competition.

PMP – Every Monday afternoon in the hall

PMP will be held in the hall while the STOMP sessions are in the Dance Studio. The students are enjoying a range of different activities using a variety of equipment to enhance their fundamental motor skills. Thank you to the parents who have helped out so far.

AFL Program

This week the students in Unit C and Unit B participated in the first of a series of coaching sessions run by the AFL. Our school has received a grant through the Sporting Schools Funding, which is an Australian Government initiative to get more children playing more sport.

These sessions are part of the AFL community program that encourages children to participate in junior football, as well as other physical activities. The coaches will be emphasising the benefits associated with playing sport such as building teamwork, leadership skills and resilience. Students will also learn about the main aspects of AFL including the basic skills and rules to play the game.

The session times are as follows:

9:10-10:00am – Grade 3

10:00-10:50am – Grade 4

11:30am-12:20pm – Grade 5

12:25-1:20pm – Grade 6

Students are welcome to bring along football jumpers and boots to wear for the sessions, but normal school uniform is required for the rest of the day.

Walkathon – Thursday 8th June

The school Walkathon is fundraising event held on the school oval and around the buildings. It is also a House event with all students competing for their house team to gain points for every lap they complete.

All students are asked to get sponsors as part of a fundraising effort for our school. Sponsors can pledge money per lap completed by the student (up to 15 laps) or they can donate a set amount. This will be collected after the event once the student knows the amount of laps they completed.

A special lunch order will be offered to the students consisting of a sausage in bread, a piece of fruit and a juice box. Students can choose to bring along their own lunch from home and we will have a picnic lunch together on the oval at the conclusion of the event. The canteen will be closed for the day.

More information will be sent out to all families with all of the details for this event. Please look out for the forms and return them to the classroom teachers.

House Team Merchandise

In the lead up to the Walkathon, which is our second House event this year, we will be selling more House merchandise. There will be many different items ranging from \$3 to \$5 and they will be on sale before assembly in the hall. Thank you to all of the students and staff who have helped to make all of the merchandise items.

Lindsay Campbell - Sport Coordinator

Events Committee

We will be holding our next meeting on Monday 5th June at 3:45pm in the staffroom to finalise the arrangements for the Walkathon. We welcome all parents to join us to share ideas for future fundraising efforts.

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

Parents & Friends Association



Parents and Friends

Parents and Friends are changing it up a bit, instead of monthly meetings in the hall foyer we are going to alternate our meetings with gardening projects around the school grounds. Our aim will be to do some weeding, hedge trimming, pruning, planting and a general garden tidy.



Our next official meeting will then be held on Thursday 29th June where we will begin planning our next event, which will be the Father's Day Stall. Check Flexibuzz and the school newsletters for our gardening days and meeting days should you wish to pop in and help out. We look forward to seeing you.

Allison Esmonde – PFA president



School Banking

Commonwealth Bank have just launched the new **CommBank Youth** app. It is an innovative digital banking tool to help teach Australian children real-life money skills in an increasingly digital world.

- Students can track the number of Dollarmites tokens collected
- They can check their account balance and recent deposits
- Set up saving goals
- Along with other exciting features

The app is now available to download on the App Store. (If you need help setting up your account, please visit your nearest Commonwealth Bank Branch.) Sorry Android users, it's not available for you yet :(

Please see the attached flier for more information. And as always if you have any questions please see the School banking coordinators on Wednesday morning in the staff room, or send us a friendly note.

Banking is processed on **Wednesday mornings**.

Michelle Marsh

Rosewood Readers and Playgroup Term 1

We look forward to seeing lots of 'little people' attending these sessions and joining in the fun.

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

Rosewood Playgroup
in the Dance Studio

Rosewood Readers
in the Library

NEW! Rosewood Musos
in the Music Room

Fridays 3 - 3:30pm

Term 2, 2017

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| April 21 st | Readers |
| April 28 th | Playgroup |
| May 5 th | Musos |
| May 12 th | Mother's Day Concert |
| May 19 th | Playgroup |
| May 26 th | Musos |
| June 2 nd | Readers |
| June 9 th | Curriculum Day |
| June 16 th | Playgroup |
| June 23 rd | Musos |
| June 30 th | Last Day of Term 2 |



Unit News

Unit A

The Prep students were very excited about their first STOMP dance lesson on Monday. They learnt some funky dance moves to 'Can't Stop The Feeling' and performed them with lots of energy! They are very much looking forward to their lesson next week.

The Dance Studio is currently being used for STOMP lessons on Mondays so our PMP sessions have been moved down to the hall for the rest of Term 2. Parents that have volunteered to help with our PMP program please note the change of location.

Our Prep students have begun our Think Plus program and are learning about different parts of the brain and growth mindset. It's great to see how engaged the students are in these lessons.

Unit A Team

Ashlee Rumney, Linda Harrison and Karen Woodhouse

Unit B

Students in Unit B have settled back into work routines after Grade 5 NAPLAN and Benchmark testing across the unit. All grades are studying Geography this term and the focus is on waterways and bodies of water. The students are carrying out research to create an informative poster or PowerPoint about the river or body of water they have chosen to study, with a focus on notetaking and creating paragraphs using their own writing style - without copying from the references they are using.

The students are thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to learn hip hop dance moves in the "Stomp" sessions that began this week. It is going to be interesting to see the dances they put together using their new moves.

AFL coaching sessions also began this week and over the next four weeks the students will be learning the basic skills and rules of football as well as developing leadership skills, teamwork and resilience. Thank you to Mr Campbell for organising these sessions.

Unit B Team

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

Unit C

The students in Unit C had their first STOMP session on Monday. They had a fantastic time learning new dances from a professional instructor. Thank you to everyone for returning their permission forms promptly. With camp, NAPLAN and testing now over, things can be a little bit more relaxed in the unit and we'll see the kids having lots of fun and learning lots of new things. Having said that, we still have our STOMP sessions running, as well as the AFL footy clinics, which are running every Tuesday morning.

We've reached the half way point of term 2, so we're looking forward to a fun and enjoyable second half of the term.

Thank you,

Unit C Team

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

Unit D

Already half way through Term 2 and for the past week, our unit has been conducting Benchmarking examinations. We are all very proud of the students' resilience while taking their respective tests.

Unit D's camp experience was a total success and we wish to thank all the families for the kind messages of appreciation received. There has been an array of Camp Follow up activities and the students still enthusiastically recall every little detail.

We would like to thank all the mothers who joined us on 12th May for the Mother's Day concert. The children were very engaged in rehearsing their songs and crafting their Mother's day cards and gifts.

The students have all been busy creating their wish list for the Book Fair and we are also delighted to have STOMP Dance sessions that started on Monday. We believe that these extra-curricular activities will have a positive impact on the students' holistic wellbeing.

Finally, Unit D teachers would also like to congratulate the families who welcomed a new bundle of joy in the last fortnight.

Have a lovely week!

Unit D team

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



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Peer2Peer

homework club

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- Get homework or assignment help from our volunteer tutors
- Help other students with their studies
- Meet new people and make new friends

Available to all Year 6-12 students. During school terms only.

Stuck on a maths question?

Need someone to read over your essay?

Or...you're looking for a nice quiet place to study?

Mondays 4pm-6pm (starting 1 May)

Dandenong Library
225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong



DANDENONG
neighbourhood HOUSE

Strengthening our Community

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411 Springvale Road, Springvale

Dandenong Library
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School Banking 2017 is off to a flying start.



This year's School Banking adventure is well underway, as the new-look Dollarmites lead the journey up towards the amazing Savings Hover Park. Students are demonstrating a remarkable saving behaviour.

New reward items

There are two new reward items to keep students saving in Term 2: the 3D Chalk Set and Tablet Case. Your child can redeem one of these, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Modern ways to teach money skills with the CommBank Youth app

Through the School Banking program, CommBank has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and smart money management since 1931. In 2017, the introduction of the CommBank Youth app, an innovative digital banking tool, will help enhance the School Banking program.

With the CommBank Youth app, your child can:

- Check the balance of their Youthsaver account.
- View School Banking deposits in their transaction history.
- Track the number of Dollarmites tokens they collect.
- Set up savings goals and monitor their progress.
- Create a list of chores they can do to earn pocket money.

Explore more about the CommBank Youth app, and how to get your child started, by visiting commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Learning the value of digital money

Did you know that approximately one in five parents are trying to teach their children about cashless transactions and digital money management? CommBank research shows parents are alternating between cash and online bank transfers when giving their children pocket money, and actively demonstrating 'tap and go', online banking, mobile applications and how ATMs work. For more information and tips on financial education for kids, visit The Beanstalk on commbank.com.au/beanstalk



3D Chalk Set



Tablet Case



Things you should know: The Commonwealth Bank School Banking Study is an online survey of 1,049 parents across Australia undertaken by ACA Research in December 2016. This article is intended to provide general information of an educational nature only. It does not have regard to the financial situation or needs of any reader and must not be relied upon as financial product advice. Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124.

