



# NEWSLETTER

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## SICK BAY LINEN

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Allison Esmonde
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Isabelle Nonya

## DIARY DATES

Friday	27 <sup>th</sup>	July	National Tree Day	
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup>	July	Special Events Committee Meeting	9:10am or 3:45pm
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup>	July	ROAR Parent Information Session	
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	August	Walk Safely to School Day	
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	August	House Athletics – UNIT B + C	
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	August	STOMP Performance	
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	August	Latin Night – FAMILY/COMMUNITY EVENT	



## Principal's Report

Despite only being in Week 2, Term 3 has kicked off really positively with lots of activities underway and some exciting events and special days coming up soon.

Our Student Progress Interviews were conducted on Wednesday afternoon and evening and I thank the many parents and families who made the time to visit the teachers to discuss their student's progress and talk about goals and priorities for Semester 2. These interviews are important as it helps to give parents and guardians a greater insight into what your child/ren are experiencing in the classroom and the work that teachers undertake to ensure that every child is achieving to their potential. I would like to thank the teachers who work very hard to make these interviews a worthwhile and beneficial experience for all involved.

The Grade 2 students were very lucky to take an excursion to Werribee Open Range Zoo on Thursday. The weather was relatively kind and the students got to participate in zoo education session and a safari tour. There were many wild animals to be seen on the day, but thankfully, none of them were wearing Rosewood Downs school uniforms!!



Our STOMP dance program is into its second week and the students are, once again, enjoying the opportunity to engage in this challenging yet fun dance program. Their hard-work and practice will culminate in a special afternoon assembly performance for all grades on Tuesday 14th August. Make sure you mark it in your diaries as it will be a performance not to be missed!



On Friday 27th July we will be participating in National Tree Day by planting a large number of trees around the school yard. This includes some larger native species which will provide shade and habitat for birds and native animals as they mature over time. We will also be planting a range of ornamental trees to beautify our grounds. We are also looking forward to planting quite a few established fruit trees including oranges, mandarins, limes and cherries amongst other things. If you are available to help dig some holes, move soil or prepare gardens with some mulch on Friday, please let us know. Any help would be appreciated.

Another important upcoming event is the Kids ROAR sessions that the school is facilitating for all students, teachers and parents. The Kids ROAR program delivers the message of keeping yourself safe by learning protective behaviours. It is an Australian educational organisation that provides programs that focus on “Personal Safety for Kids”, and they will be delivering age-appropriate content and messages for our students from Prep – 6. Our staff will also participate in Professional Learning delivered by the Kids ROAR team and we are offering an after school presentation for all parents as well. A notice about this has been sent home with every student and we encourage all families to attend this session which will cover relevant and important information to support parents to help prevent abuse, reduce violence and promote positive health and wellbeing.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to share and celebrate our recent results for our ‘Student Attitudes to School Survey’. This is an annual survey that takes place in Term 2 and is completed online by all students in Grades 4 – 6. The survey assists schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and the survey essentially helps us to find out what your child thinks of our school. Our school uses the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. I am really proud to report that the results of the survey are extremely positive and reflect the fact that our students are generally happy, engaged, stimulated and appreciative of the teaching and programs that we offer at Rosewood Downs. This is really encouraging for us as a school and affirms the high quality work that our teachers do to provide the best learning opportunities for your children. These results also reflect a commitment from our families in supporting the educational endeavours of the school. All children benefit significantly from a strong school/home relationship and Rosewood Downs welcomes and values family engagement and involvement in their child's education. Our outstanding survey results show the benefit that these strong learning relationships and support of the school have on our students' attitude toward school and learning.

Julian

Acting Principal

## KidsMatter

Gosia is back with her Coffee Van – outside the Hall every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning!



**DANDENONG**  
neighbourhood HOUSE

*Connecting our Community*

Everyone welcome. Your help is greatly appreciated!

### Cupcake Decorating

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 9:00am – 11:15am**

Always wondered how to decorate your cakes or cupcakes for children's birthdays and other special events? Learn to add a swirl topping or flat fondant tops or how to make flowers, butterflies, lady birds and other decorations.

*Wonder no more! ... Learn techniques and skills that you can do at home!*

**Toddlers Welcome**

### Cupcake Stall

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

CUP CAKES \$1.00

BRING ALONG YOUR MONEY TO BUY A DELICIOUS CUP CAKE

\*Cup Cakes will be sold at lunch time

\*Any left-over cakes will be sold at 3.30 pm at the front of the school



KidsMatter Action Team





## Caught You Being Kind

Lana Debski (2W), Thomas Banasios (1PT) and Yuri Bou Hussein (1PT) were all "Caught Being Kind". Well done, Lana, Thomas and Yuri!

## Music Awards & News

PR	Michelle Wong	P/1S	Tyson Boersch Quadara
2W	Maahi Kaur	2/3H	Kelly Beal
4M	Heidi Cristiano	5FP	Amrita Kaur
6B	Thomas Cunningham		

Anita Chan – Music Coordinator

## Art Awards & News

P/1S	Nikoletta Filippidis	P/1S	Laura Al-Khatib
2W	Maahi Kaur	2/3/H	Fiona Zhou
4M	Rafaella Villegas	5T	Murtazah Niazi
6P	Didier Savrimoutou	6B	Joshua O'Callaghan

Lindsay Campbell & Shireen Rawlins

## Sport Awards & News

PH	Tofunmi Ayeni	P/1S	Mason Black
2/3H	Kai Edwards	4M	Niki Stankovic
5T	Alessia Wilson	6B	Angela Ivkov

## Sport News

### Free Tennis Racquets for all Prep students

On Friday, Marcel Pietrasik from Rosswood Tennis Club helped to hand out a free 19" tennis racquet to each of the Prep students. This is part of our partnership with Tennis Australia in delivering the Tennis Hot Shots program in our school and local community.

Marcel also has a special offer of a free tennis lesson for students from Rosewood Downs, so please see the attached information and contact him directly.



**Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 3rd August**

Please see attached notice.

**Unit B and C House Athletics – Friday 10th August**

We will be holding our House Athletics Day at Ross Reserve on Friday 10th August. It would be great if any parents who are available can come along to help with the various track and field events on the day or just come to support the students as they compete for their team to win the House trophy. This event will also form part of the selection process for the upcoming District Athletics competition in September.

Due to the weather conditions we may have to postpone the House Athletics. Our backup date is Friday the 17th August. We will make a decision on the event and let everyone know as soon as possible.

**House Team Merchandise**

We still have House T-shirts in limited sizes and stock remaining at school. If you are thinking of buying a new T-shirt they will be available for purchase through the office and before assembly on some Mondays. Please see Mr Campbell for the available sizes. They are \$27.00 each or a special pack for \$30.00 including two merchandise items.

In the lead up to Walk Safely to School Day and House Athletics, we will be selling more House merchandise. There will be lots of different items ranging from \$2.00 to \$5.00 and they will be on sale before assembly in the hall. Thank you to all of the students who have helped to make all of the merchandise items.

**Lindsay Campbell - Sport Coordinator**

## ***Special Event Committee***

**Special Events Committee – Next Meeting: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

This meeting will be held in the staffroom after assembly on Monday morning for all parents who are interested in finding out about our upcoming events. We will be looking at the arrangements for our Latin-themed Night and the fundraising efforts we are planning.

There will also be a quick catch up meeting after school at 3:45pm in the staffroom for anyone who is unable to make it in the morning. The other staff representatives in the committee will be in attendance.

We hope to see you there.

**Special Events Committee**

## ***Green Team***

**Schools Tree Day**

This Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July, around 3,000 preschools, kindergartens, primary and high schools across Australia will take part in Schools Tree Day.

Schools Tree Day is a reminder of the importance of trees in our daily lives and aims to inspire and educate Australian students to actively care for our unique land by planting native seedlings and trees.

Trees provide wood for building and pulp for making paper. They provide habitats for all sorts of insects, birds and other animals. Some also produce many types of fruits and nuts.

Trees also help to keep our air clean and our ecosystems healthy. And they provide the perfect spot for building tree houses!

To celebrate the day, each class in the school will be planting a tree in the playground. In addition the Green Team will be running a printing activity in the art room at lunch time for any interested students.



### Kids Teaching Kids

This term the Green Team, along with a group of selected Grade 5 students are preparing for the annual Kids Teaching Kids Conference that will operate at Silverton Primary School on Friday 7th September. On this day the team will be teaching other kids from various schools in the Dandenong area about the importance of recycling, composting and sorting our rubbish. We anticipate it will be a fun and informative day where the group learns a lot about Environmental issues, as well as teaching others about what they know.



### The War on Waste

Did you watch the documentary on ABC TV called the War on Waste? This television show highlighted the serious problem that plastic bags and plastic straws are causing to our world. We can all make a change to help our planet by refusing plastic bags and straws. If you would like to watch the show it can still be found on ABC iView, or watch Tuesday nights at 8.30pm on ABC TV



## **Life Education**

The Life Education Van will be visiting the school from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August to Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Life Education lessons are different for each year level, but essentially are about caring for our bodies with a particular emphasis on drug education. Younger children learn about general health, friendship, cyberbullying, safety and communication skills. Older children acquire age appropriate knowledge to make informed health choices.

A major focus is on developing skills to diplomatically and assertively decline the offer of drugs.

An approach is taken which minimises the harm associated with drugs in our community. It also offers students practical approaches and important knowledge required to help them become aware of the potential risks associated with taking drugs. Considering that drugs (including medicines) are in our homes, you are strongly encouraged to allow your child/ren to attend. Many hours of follow-up activities, in a special booklet, are a vital part of the program.

**Anita Chan**

## **Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge**

Our students are doing a fantastic job of reading and experiencing as many books as possible for the VPRC this year! There is still time to enter the challenge, all you have to do is use your username and password to log your books through the online system. If you are unsure of what to do, or have lost your details, please see Miss Todisco.

Happy reading!

**Miss Todisco**

## **Unit News**

### **Unit A**

Welcome back! Our Unit A students have settled back into the school routine and are eager to begin the term. STOMP has been a fantastic way to start the term and the students are thoroughly enjoying the dance lessons with Pieta. We look forward to the coming lessons and performance to the whole school community!

The Prep students will be focusing on two topics this term; Family and Living Things. We are hoping by the end of the term children will relate to the fact that we all belong to a family that is unique and special in its own way. Instead of 'Show and Tell', we will be sending home a 'Family Box'. Each day a box will go home with a different student and when it is your child's turn we are asking you to help your child find something of interest to put in the box that will represent each family member. Not only will our Family Box develop oral presentation skills, but will also create an opportunity for the students to share how their family is special to them. When your child brings home the family box, there will be more information on the inside of the lid to help with the presentation.

The other Prep focus will be on Living Things. We will be exploring what is needed for living things to survive through a number of activities and an excursion to the Melbourne Zoo on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Students will receive a notice home in the coming week regarding the details of our trip. Our upcoming zoo excursion will be the first major away-from-school learning experience for our Prep students. Along with providing a valuable educational experience for children, an important aspect of the program is to help



promote a sense of independence in our students and enjoy an outing with their classmates. A whole day away from the familiarity of the school and family environment provides students with a real sense of pride and accomplishment.

Our Grade 1 students will be studying 'Wings and Things' this term with a focus on insects and birds. They also have an excursion coming up to the Melbourne Museum on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August. Please make sure all notices and money are returned by next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

It will be a busy, but exciting term ahead!

**Unit A Team,**

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

### **Unit B**

The Grade 5's have been learning how to write rhyming couplets.

Once there was a girl named Josie Posie  
The one thing she loved was to pose!

She smiled and winked but accidentally blinked  
So then she went to the skating rink!

When she went there she fell down.  
Then she found a golden crown!

When she wore it she looked so nice.  
But to her displeasure she found some mice!

She ran out and into her house.  
There she found a big fat mouse!

She stomped and scared the mouse away.  
And then she decided there she would stay!

She was hungry so she ate some food.  
But the food was rotten so it spoilt her mood!

She gave up on her day of twists and turns.  
So to the bed she would return!

**By Amrita 5F**

### **Unit C**

We have had a great start to Term 3 in Unit C. The Grade 2, 3 and 4 students have jumped straight into their science topics "All Creatures Big and Small", "Night & Day" and "Smooth Moves" in preparation for their excursions to Werribee Zoo and Scienceworks this week and next. All notices and payments need to be made to the office for those excursions ASAP. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered their time to come on the excursion, we really appreciate it.



All the students have absolutely loved starting the term with weekly STOMP lessons. It's been fantastic to see them having so much fun while working on their listening skills and coordination. They are looking forward to performing to their parents in the coming weeks.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Student Progress Interviews yesterday. It was a great opportunity to discuss all our students' achievements throughout the year so far and what they will be working on in the coming semester. If anyone did not have the chance to make an appointment time, please contact your child's teacher to organise a time that is mutually convenient.

We are looking forward to a very busy and exciting term ahead!

### **Unit C Team,**

**Mrs Madeline Hartmann (2/3H), Mrs Dianne McCulloch (3M), Ms Gail Fitzpatrick (4F) & Mrs Caitlyn Watkins (4W)**

### **Unit D**

Welcome back to Term 3, it's going to be an exciting term ahead.

Our Integrated topics this term have a biological science focus.

The Grade Ones are studying "Wings and Things" as their integrated unit. This allows them to explore the features of living things and their relative habitats.

The Grade Twos are studying "All Creatures Great and Small" as their integrated unit and are exploring animal life cycles and animal babies as well as considering how sustainability can help our wildlife and why the "War on Waste" is important to Australian wildlife.

There are some exciting excursions ahead, with the Grade Twos off to Werribee Zoo on Thursday and the Grade Ones off to Melbourne Museum in week four. Life Education is also happening this term.

Thank you to all those people who have returned payments and permission slips promptly.

Have a great fortnight,

### **Unit D Team,**

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

## ***Rosewood Playgroup, Readers, Musos***

<b>Term 3, 2018</b>	
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Readers
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup
August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Musos
August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Readers
August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup
August 24 <sup>th</sup>	Musos
August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Readers
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup
September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Musos
September 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Last day of Term 3</b>

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

**Rosewood Playgroup**  
in the Library

**Rosewood Readers**  
in the Library

**Rosewood Musos**  
in the Music Room

**Fridays 3 - 3:30pm**





[www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)

## Walk Safely to School Day

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018

(In the event of heavy rain this event will be cancelled)

### Active kids are healthy kids!

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Please support our Rosewood Downs Sport and House Captains who have organised **Walk Safely to School Day** as a House team event. Students, as well as other family members, can earn house points for their house teams. Our aim is for every child at Rosewood Downs to participate in the **Walk Safely to School Day**. Remember to wear your House t-shirts to support your team.

Teachers will be stationed at the corner of Murray Road and Outlook Drive, and Murray Road and Gladstone Road from **8:30–8:50am** to assist in walking children safely to school. Additional teachers will also be located at Tambo Court, Waranga Street and Wingham Street from **8:30–8:50am** to ensure extra safety for students when crossing the road. Students who enter through the back gate need to walk through to the front gate to collect their ticket for their House points.

Road safety rules will be discussed at school and we hope you will reinforce these at home. We look forward to community participation in this event and hope to see lots of happy walkers on the day.

For more information visit: [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)

Download the free interactive app that maps children's walks to and from school.



Lindsay Campbell

PE Co-ordinator

Julian Growcott

Acting Principal