



NEWSLETTER

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Dates for Your Diary

Friday	27 th	April	Anglicare Parent Program	9:30am – 12:00pm
			Healthy Lunch Box Ideas (DNH)	9:15am – 11:15am
			CAMP – Grade 1 + 2 (Permission Forms Due)	
Monday	30 th	April	Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) – PREP	2:30pm – 3:30pm
			Events Committee Meeting	3:45pm
			Family School Photo Orders	(must be placed by) 11:59pm
Tuesday	1 st	May	School Photos	
Friday	4 th	May	Anglicare Parent Program	9:30am – 12:00pm
Monday	7 th	May	Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) – PREP	2:30pm – 3:30pm
			CAMP – Grade 1 + 2 (Payment Due)	
Wednesday	9 th	May	Education Sub-Committee Meeting	3:45pm
Thursday	10 th	May	Mother's Day Stall	9:15am – 1:30pm
Friday	11 th	May	Mother's Day Stall	8:30am – 10:00am
			Anglicare Parent Program	9:30am – 12:00pm
			Mother's Day Afternoon Tea	2:30pm
			Individual School Photo Orders	(must be placed by) 11:59pm
Monday	14 th	May	CAMP – Grade 1 + 2	
			Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) – PREP	2:30pm – 3:30pm
Tuesday	15 th	May	CAMP – Grade 2	

Principal's Report

School Photos – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

School photos are on next Tuesday 1st May. This year all orders are to be completed online via www.arphotos.com.au. If you are unable to place your order online, please fill out the flyer that was sent home last week, completing all details required and return with **correct payment of cheque or credit card direct to Arthur Reed Photos**, PO Box 272, Belmont, VIC 3216. Family Forms are available at the office. **Orders for family photos MUST be received by ARP BEFORE photo day, 1st May, to ensure a family photo is taken on the day.**



Special Invitation - All mums are invited!

To celebrate 'Mother's Day' all of our mums are invited to an afternoon tea on **11th May at 2:30pm**. A short assembly in the hall will follow this afternoon tea. We would be delighted to see as many mums as possible. To help us with catering arrangements please fill in the tear off slip below and return it to the school office.



Mother's Day Afternoon Tea Friday 11th May

Please return this slip to the School Office by **Friday 4th May**.

Name.....



I plan to attend the Mother's Day Afternoon Tea on
May 11th at 2:30pm

Lost Items

Occasionally children lose valuable items and toys at school. There are times when children may accidentally bring home something that does not belong to them. This can also include pieces of uniform such as windcheaters. If you notice an item at home that does not belong to your child, can you please just return this to school. Last week a child lost their purple Fitbit and even after an extensive search, we couldn't find it. While every care is taken to look after children's belongings, I recommend that children **do not** bring valuable items to school.

Education Sub-Committee Meeting - 9th May 3:45pm

Parents are invited to attend the Education Sub-Committee Meeting that will be held on Wednesday 9th May. This committee will review and rewrite current school policies. Debbie is looking forward to meeting with parents in the Staffroom at 3.45pm. It is expected that this meeting will run for approximately forty-five minutes. No special skills are required, just an interest in improving our school processes.

Student Behaviour at School

We aim to set high standards for student behaviour at school. Our goal is to work in conjunction with families to achieve the best outcomes for all students. Sometimes children will encounter conflicts with other children at school, but this can be quite different to bullying. What is bullying? Bullying is when people repeatedly and intentionally use words or actions against someone or a group of people to cause distress and risk to their wellbeing. These actions are usually done by people who have more influence or power over someone else, or who want to make someone else feel less powerful or helpless. It can be very upsetting if your child is being bullied and we would like to work with you to identify a solution. Sometimes, we are not told that there is a problem with student behaviour. We take a **zero tolerance approach to bullying**, but **you need to let us know if there is a problem**. If you are ever concerned about bullying at school, please let your child's teacher know straight away. Recently we have had quite a few incidents involving children swearing in the yard. To discourage this behaviour, we will be giving short, in-school detentions for any children heard swearing. I would appreciate all families talking to their children about speaking politely and behaving appropriately at school.

Thank you

A huge thank you to all of the parents and brothers and sisters who have been waiting at the front of the school to collect students.



THANK YOU!

We often have parents who arrive early and wait to pick their children up at 3.30pm. I have asked that if you arrive prior to the bell to collect children that you wait on the seats near the Prep Area and not inside the school building. This also includes secondary students who may be picking up brothers and sisters. During a school day, we ask that all visitors report to the office and receive a Visitor's Badge. At the end of the day it is not necessary to collect a Visitor's Badge, but in order to keep all of our children safe we respectfully request that all visitors including parents wait on the seats near the Prep Area. Students exiting the school are asked to use the door closest to their Unit and not come through the front office area (unless collecting a mobile phone), as it tends to become very congested. Once their teacher has dismissed children, they will walk around to the seats in the Prep Area and meet you there.

Helen Casey
Principal

KidsMatter

Kids Matter Special Day 'PROUD TO BELONG'

Thank you to our Rosewood Downs Community for making this day so successful and enjoyable. It certainly was a celebration of our KidsMatter journey over the last five years.



We came dressed in our cultural clothes, were entertained at a special assembly with parades, songs, dances and who could forget the Haka led by Maximus. When we headed back to our units we had special activities with visiting speakers, Serbian dancing, sports from other countries, writing our names in Chinese with calligraphy pens. Our Neighbourhood House lunch, where students built their own wrap, was DELICIOUS! Our surprise performance from Hector, our school cleaner, and his band had everyone up and dancing the Latin tunes.

A big THANK YOU to our students, families, teachers and community for helping to make this day such a valuable experience for us all.

An EXTRA SPECIAL THANK YOU to:

- Woolworths for their generous donation towards our Wraps
- Dandenong Neighbourhood House and the amazing team of parent helpers who prepared and served lunch
- Sanela for teaching Serbian dancing
- Hector and his amazing band



We are extremely grateful to everyone who participated in this day to show we are all PROUD TO BELONG to our ROSEWOOD DOWNS COMMUNITY.



Anglicare Parent Program 'GROWING GREAT KIDS'

Our six week program begins tomorrow, Friday 27th April, and runs for six weeks. We are now able to offer child minding. It's not too late to join us. See the attached flyer for further information.

Neighbourhood House 'HEALTHY LUNCHBOX IDEAS'

Always wondered what to put in your children's lunch box? Come along tomorrow to get some great ideas. See flyer attached for further information.

KidsMatter Action Team



Caught You Being Kind Award

Milan Milkovic from 1C, Joseph Arhuere from 4F and Marko Mimic from Prep R were all "Caught Being Kind". Well done, Milan, Joseph and Marko.

Music Award & Music News

Grace Dong (1C), Isabella Papadopoulos (2W), Hadi Fallah (3M), Charli Paterson (4F), Celeste Looi (5T), Vladimir Milkovic (6B), Matthew Luckfiel (Prep R), Liana Serdar (Prep/1 S), Fiona Zhou (2/3H), Zipporah Ioane (5PF), Ashlee Spencer (6P).

Anita Chan – Music Coordinator

Art Awards & News

Michelle Wong (Prep R), Olivia Fletcher (1PT), Katarina Nedic (2/3H), Mahdy Zeini (4F).

Lindsay Campbell

Sport Awards & News

Jada Alveyn (Prep H), Luka Babalj (1PT), Sikander Jhajj (2/3H), Ruby Fitzgerald (4M), Yianni Rozakis (5FP), Eliza Roden (6B).

Sport News

Region Swimming – Wednesday 29th March

Well done to Cade Marsh, Lanny Duan and Vladimir Milkovic who represented our school at the Southern Metropolitan Region Finals at MSAC. Everyone competed fairly and represented our school really well. Thank you to the students and their parents for being available to attend the competition and provide transport.

9/10 year olds

Cade Marsh	7 th	50m Backstroke
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11 year olds

Lanny Duan	6 th	50m Freestyle and 50m Breaststroke
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12 year olds

Vladimir Milkovic	8 th	50m Freestyle
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Division Tennis Competition – Friday 20th April

Well done to Vladimir Milkovic and John Choi who represented our school at the Division Tennis Competition. They played in a singles knock-out competition against students from the Greater Dandenong Division. John lost his first round match and Vladimir made it through to the second round. Thank you to both of their families for taking them to the competition and supporting them.

PMP – Every Monday afternoon in the Dance Studio

During their important first year at school, all Prep students will participate in a Perceptual Motor Program, known as PMP. This program aims to give students experiences in seeing, touching and hearing through carefully sequenced activities such as hopping, climbing, balancing, crawling, throwing, catching, sliding etc.

PMP will start on Monday 30th April. All students are to wear shower caps during their session to prevent the transmission of head lice. If you have not already done so, please send along a named shower cap to be kept at school.

Thank you so much to the parents who have volunteered their time to assist with the program. We are still in need of more volunteers to enable the program to run smoothly each week, so please come along to see how the sessions run. Sessions are from 2:30 to 3:30pm each Monday afternoon in the Dance Studio.

Coles Sports for Schools

Well done and thank you to all of the families who have sent in their Coles Sports for Schools vouchers. We sent in over 10 postal bags at the end of Term 1 and our tally to date is a massive 36,992 vouchers! We are sending in our remaining vouchers this week, so if you still have any please bring them in. We will be able to start ordering our new equipment which will be sent out to our school at the end of Term 2.

Lindsay Campbell - Sport Coordinator

Junior School Council**Hat Parade – Thursday 29th March**

Thank you to all of the students, staff and families for coming to our Hat Parade for 2018. It was great to see so many different hats that you created of your favourite sports, teams and activities.

Well done to the following students who won the most creative hats in their class:

Prep	Ryan Fernando, Lana Oinonen, Season Salem, Filip Zivak and Rada Lesic
Grade 1	Ana Dimitrijevic, Aiden Bobby, Youzar Bou Hassein, Mingqi Duan and Josie Dunstan
Grade 2	Sophie Fitzgerald, Vishaan Panditharathne and Elissa Baltas
Grade 3	Kai Edwards, Leo Bou Karroum and Lillie Esmonde
Grade 4	Alexi Ioannou, Charli Paterson, Periklis Filippidis and Tazmeen Khan
Grade 5	Zipporah Ioane, Domi Ivkovic, Cade Marsh and Aleisha Zhou
Grade 6	Ashlee Spencer, Max Thompson, Kristian Ferraro and Angela Ivkov

Every year we are able to support the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Over 45,000 children were admitted to The Royal Children's Hospital last year and over 90,000 children were treated in emergency. That's in addition to the 255,000 children treated at the hospital's specialist clinics. All children deserve nothing less than the life saving care and ground breaking research taking place at The Royal Children's Hospital. Your support helps the hospital deliver the best possible care to patients and their families.

Thank you for bringing in your donations. We collected a total of \$335. Remember you can still make donations online: <https://donate.goodfridayappeal.com.au/donate> .

On behalf of the Junior School Council, thank you.

Events Committee

Thank you to the families who donated items for the Easter hampers and to everyone who purchased tickets for the raffle.

We will be holding our next meeting on Monday 30th April at 3:45pm in the staffroom to discuss our special events for Term 2. We welcome all parents to join us to share ideas for future fundraising efforts.

**Thank you,
Lindsay Campbell**

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Rosewood Downs Primary School is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 7 September 2018.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc.

Mia Todisco

Parents & Friends Association

Mother's Day is just around the corner, which means it's time for our Mother's Day Stall!

We are running the Stall on:

Thursday	10 th May	9:15am – 1:30pm
Friday	11 th May	8:30am – 10:00am

We are in need of volunteers to help us out on the day, if you are available, please come along to a PFA meeting or simply contact the office, and we will be in touch.



Allison Esmonde – PFA President

School Banking

Term 2 2018 Super Savers Rewards

Check out the new items in our Super Savers range:

- Glow Light
- Sparkle Glitter Pens



Michelle Marsh



Unit News**Unit A**

Welcome back to Term 2! We have a big but exciting term ahead.

This term the Prep students are learning about Nursery Rhymes and rhyming words. The children are excited about our topic and have already started to learn different rhyming words.

The Grade One students are excited about their camp on Monday 14th May. They will be travelling to Camp Oasis and will spend the day engaging in lots of exciting activities.

Monday will be the beginning of the Prep PMP program. It will run in the Dance Studio every week from 2:30-3:30pm. This program will give students experiences in seeing, hearing and touching through carefully sequenced activities such as hopping, climbing, balancing, crawling, throwing, catching and sliding. Please note that the students will have to take off their shoes and socks for this lesson, so insure your child is able to manage getting their own shoes on and off. They are also asked to wear a shower cap during their session to prevent the transmission of head lice. If you haven't already done so, please send along a named shower cap for the first session. We look forward to seeing lots of parent helpers in these sessions.

Starting from next week, we look forward to welcoming parent helpers into Unit A to listen to our children read each morning. If you are able to help any time between 9am – 11am please let your child's teacher know. Little brothers and sisters are welcome to come along if they can be entertained without disrupting classes/readers and their learning.

Unit A Team,

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

Unit B

We have had a busy start to Term 2. Congratulations to all students who have settled back into the school routine nicely.

Earlier this week Grades 5 and 6 were fortunate enough to attend an open day at Lyndale Secondary College. We were able to partake in lots of fun classes such as Textiles, Science, English, Home Economics and Music. Everyone had a fantastic time and we even bumped into a few of our past students in the halls.

Lastly, we have been training very hard for our very first Gala Sports Day of 2018. We are looking forward to competing against the other schools in our area in AFL, Basketball, Netball and T-ball.

Thank you from the Unit B Team,

Brenda Brighton (6B), Shaun Pepper (6P), Mia Todisco (5T), Carly Pinwill & Jo Ford (5PF)

Unit C

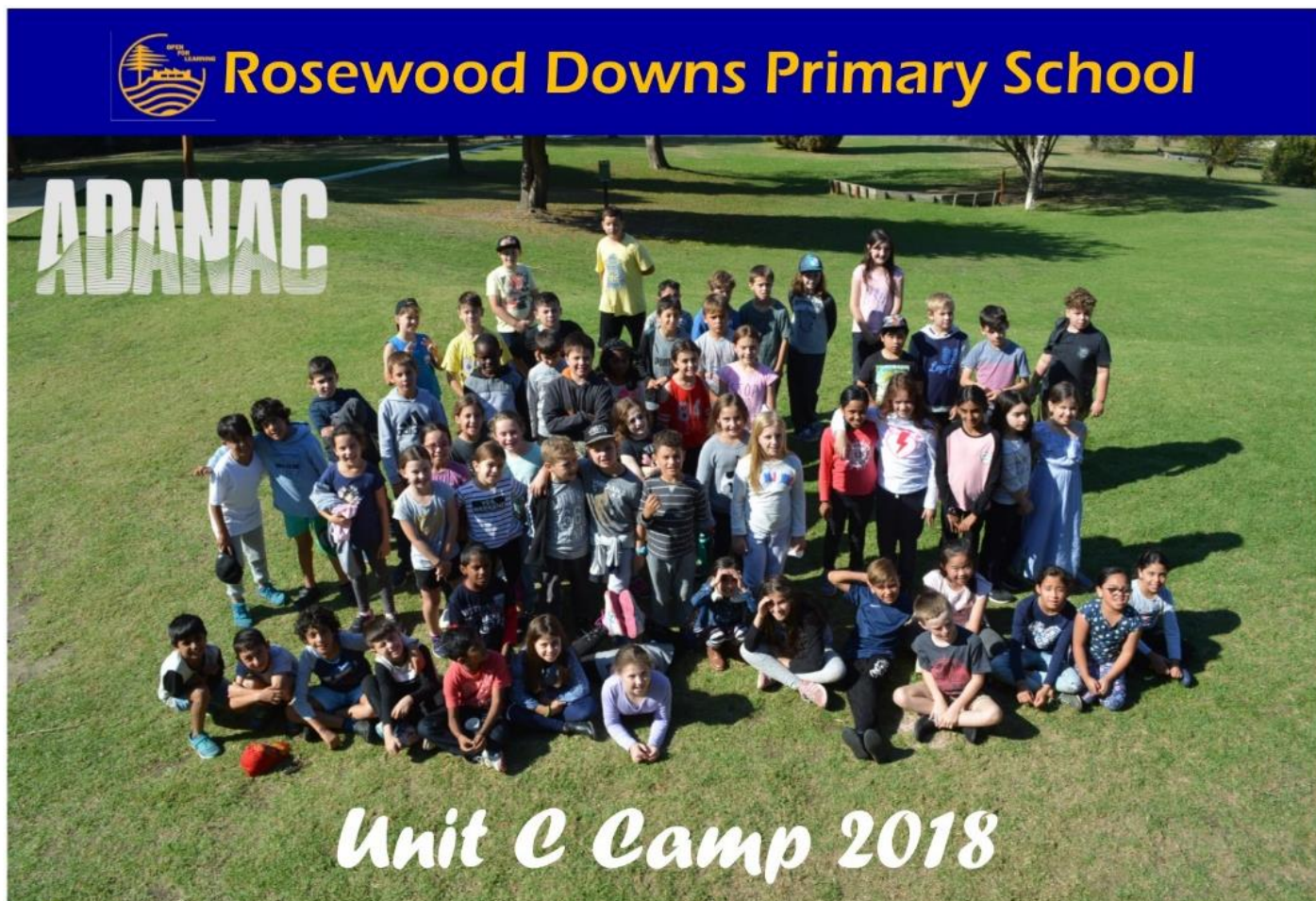
We have had a fantastic start to the Term 2 in Unit C. Many of the Grade 3 and 4 students headed to Camp ADANAC last Wednesday for a fun-filled three days. We had stunning blue skies and beautiful sunshine the entire time we were there. The students got to participate in a variety of outdoor activities including the flying fox, archery, camp fire cooking, beach volleyball, hut building and team games. We were provided with stellar entertainment at our unit talent show and enjoyed roasting marshmallows by the fire on the last night. Overall, the camp was a spectacular success and we are sure the students enjoyed it just as much as the teachers!

Just a reminder that the Grade 2 Camp Oasis is fast approaching on Monday 14th - Tuesday 15th May. All camp forms are due back ASAP and last payments must be made by the 7th May. The Grade 2's are looking forward to their very first overnight camp and all the fun activities they will have the opportunity to experience.

NAPLAN week is coming up in week 5 of this term. Ms Lucas and Mr Growcott are running the NAPLAN Breakfast Club for all Grade 3 and 5 students who would like to attend on Wednesday mornings. These sessions are designed to help students become familiar and more confident with the test in a relaxed environment. They are completely optional but we hope to see many of our students taking advantage of these sessions.

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

Unit C Team, Mrs Maddy Hartmann (2/3H), Mrs Dianne McCulloch (3M), Ms Gail Fitzpatrick (4F) & Miss Caitlyn Marsham (4M)



Unit D

Dear families,

What an exciting term is ahead of us! Over the next few weeks, Grade One students will study the differences between natural, managed and man-made places while Grade Two students will investigate 'Smooth Moves' which is about exploring forces. We are also discussing the rules that we need to have in the unit to help us create a cheerful and safe learning environment.

As a whole unit, we are also getting ready for our camp which is being held on Monday 14th May at Camp Oasis in Mt Evelyn. We thank all the parents who have filled in the camp permission form, medication form and made the payment. If you haven't already done so, please note that we need **all camp forms returned to us by this Friday 27th April 2018** as we need to send through our final numbers and dietary requirements to the camp's organisation team. We would also appreciate if you could send the camp money in a sealed and labelled envelope via your child or pay directly at the office before the due date which is on **Monday 7th May 2018**.

As you would have noticed, parents are now being kindly asked to wait for their children in the Prep area if they arrive before 3:30pm. This is to monitor traffic within the school yard, keep the passage way clear and

ensure the students' safety. We wish to seize this opportunity to remind both parents and students that they should stay **outside** of the unit in the morning as the staff often hold confidential meetings prior to Assembly. If you wish to discuss an issue with your child's teacher, you may contact the front office or meet the teacher at the end of the day.

Our Unit can always use parent helpers whether it is to listen to students read or other areas and your help is always appreciated. If you have 1 or 2 hours to spare per week, just let one of the Unit D teachers know.

We would like to thank all the parents for being an active part of your child's education. We really enjoy reading your comments in the students' reading journals.

Lastly, if your child is away sick for the day or on holidays over a period of time, please notify Miss Shelby Parker at the front office or your child's teacher of the absence on a daily basis. Please note that Dojo messages should **not** be used to notify teachers of children's absences or issues requiring urgent attention. Please also note that the Year One teachers do not use class Dojo as a way of communicating with parents.

As a unit, we will all be working together to make this term a successful one.

Unit D Team,

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



DANDENONG
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Connecting our Community



Rosewood Downs Primary School

25 Murray Road, Dandenong North VIC 3791
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A special invitation to All Families

Healthy Lunch Box Ideas

Always wondered what to put into your Children's lunch box?

Today's session is on different ideas for lunches.

Toddlers welcome.



Friday 27th April 2018

9:15am to 11:15am

FREE





GROWING GREAT KIDS

PARENTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS

A program for parents, grandparents, step parents & carers.

ARE YOU TIRED OF YELLING?

How to get your kids to listen, without having to yell

DEALING WITH ANGER

Recognising the causes and triggers for anger

REALTIONSHPIS

How can parents build a better relationship with their kids?

STRATEGIES

Discuss and share strategies that work

DATES:

Fridays for 6 weeks
April 27th, May 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th &
June 1st 2018

TIME

9.30am - 12.00pm

WHERE:

Rosewood Downs Primary School
Murray Rd, Dandenong North

COST:

FREE: Bookings essential
(Refreshments provided)

BOOKINGS:

For bookings and enquiries contact:
Deborah Lucas - 9795 3744

Email: lucas.deborah.s@edumail.vic.gov.au OR

Jasbir Singh at Parentzone on 0431 203 177

(Simply text your name in to register)

Email: jasbir.suopada@anglicarevic.org.au



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